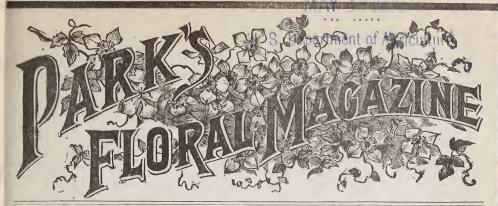
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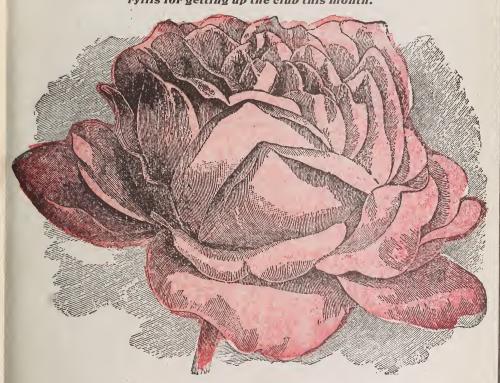


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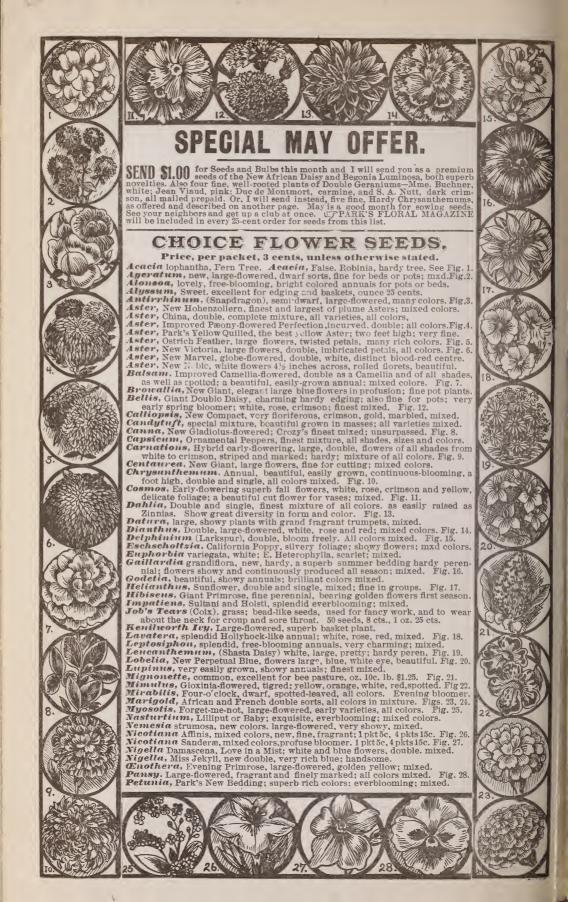


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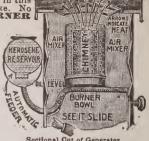
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BIRDS.

Mr. Park:—I wish to tell you of two blackbirds that live in a Buttonwood tree in our yard. They differ from the ordi-nary blackbirds, in that they stay the year round and have a shrill whistle, and there are only two. A swarm of bees live in a hollow in this same tree, and as the two birds are often seen hovering around this hollow, I wondered if it might be that they were attracted by the bees, or if they should eat either the honey or the bees. Last summer I saw both birds carrying sticks in the hollow, as though they were building in the same place with the bees. There is something fascinating in watching these birds, and if the name of them can be obtained, I would be very glad to know it, as I am interested in the feathered Zillah Ewing Shuster.

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GOSSIP.

Paulownia Tree. - Mr. Park: -I have a Paulownia tree about six years old that will bloom for the first time this year. Last year it had some leaves that meausred 26 inches across. J. Lanc. Co., Pa., Feb. 12, 1909. J. M. Myer.

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Taxing Cats.—Mr. Park:—I am in favor of taxing cats. Then only those that had homes would be kept. Mrs. J.King. Westfield, Mass., March 26, 1909.

German Ivy Blooming.—I have had the German Ivy to bloom beautifully. The flowers are small, white, in immense clusters. Mrs. V. A. W, Abbie, Okla., Apr. 1909.



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MAY.

'Twere worth a long, cold winter time And months of drift and sleet, To see fair May come tripping in
With flowers at her feet;
To hear the birds, and smell the scent Of myriad blooming bowers, And know the hedge of eglantine Again is pink with flowers. Washington Co., Vt. Florence J. Boyce.

ABOUT PRIMROSES.

RIMROSES, as a rule, are propagated from seeds, and the best time to sow the seeds is in May and June. The weather is then well adapted to their germination,

being mostly warm and pleasant. The seeds are rather small, but are not difficult to start. Sow them in a box or bed of well prepared, sifted soil that is of such character that it will not bake or get hard. Press the surface firm and level, then press rows, in which sow the seeds evenly, and thinly covering them. Keep moist and covered-protected from sun, rain and wind until the plants appear, which will be in from three weeks to three months after

PRIMULA OBCONICA.

sowing. A little sulphur and tobacco dust mixed and sprinkled over the surface after sowing will keep down fungus and insects. Keep the soil moist, but not wet, and avoid drying out, which would ruin the starting seeds. Seeds of the Chinese Primrose, Primula obconica, Primula sinensis pyramidalis, Primula floribunda, Primula Sieboldii, and Primula farinosa sown now will make fine blooming plants for window decoration the coming winter. A few packets of the seeds will yield enough plants for a fine window display, and the cost is very triffing compared with the result. The little plants should be transplanted from the seed rows as soon as large enough, otherwise they are liable to damp off if the weather should be warm and sultry. In transplanting avoid setting the plants too deep, an error that many inexperienced cultivators fall into.

The Hardy Primroses, as Primula veris, Acaulis, Auricula, Vulgaris, Officinalis, Rosea,

verticillata, denticulata, viscosa and Cashmeriana can all be satisfactorily sown in May and June. These may not all bloom this season, but they will endure the winter where the climate is not very severe, and will begin to bloom early next season. Those who start plants of these now will, therefore, feel glad that they gave the sowing of them attention this season, when plants develop their delicate, charming, fragrant bloom next spring.







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Oxalis tetraphylla. - A subscriber of St. Charles, Missouri, sends a leaf of this Oxalis, stating that it bloomed in late summer, the flowers being deep pink in clusters. In the fall the big, showy leaves died and left a clump of bulbs in the ground. It is hardy, and mostly known as Oxalis Deppei, though botanically known as O. tetraphylla. It was introduced from Mexico in 1827.

Farfugium Grande. - When this plant loses its variegation repot it in sand and leaf-mould well mixed, and keep in partial shade, as the east side of the house in summer. If the variegation does not return, discard it and get a plant of a well-colored variety. The plant likes plenty of moisture while growing, and always thrives well if bedded out on the east or southeast side of a house. It is almost hardy.

Umbrella Plant. - This grass must have a season of rest every year. When it wants to rest the leaves begin to turn brown at the tips, and eventually turn yellow and die. When this occurs, withhold water for several weeks, then remove the old tops and repot or begin watering. The new growth will be more vigorous than the previous growth. It is well to shift the plant into a larger vessel as it grows, as the roots should not be crowded. When growing, water freely, even allowing water to stand in the saucer, as it is a bog plant, and is not liable to resent a surplus.

PRUNING EVERGREENS.

S A RULE the Evergreens do not need pruning, except to cut away any dead branches that may appear. If it is desired, however, to promote density of growth, the top and tips of branches can be cut off either in late fall or early spring without damage. When so pruned, the growth will be tardy, and it may be two or three years before the good effect of the work will be apparent. The beauty of a pine is in the graceful, symmetrical form of the tree, the branches starting close to the ground, and the trunk well clothed with verdant branches to the top. It is, therefore, never in good taste to cut away the lower limbs. In starting a group of evergreens it is well to place some common kinds among the choice ones to give density for a few years. When they begin to crowd the less desirable trees can be transplanted, or cut and used for Christmas trees. In grouping the dwarf, broad-leaved evergreens, such as Rhododendrons, Kalmias, etc., Yuccas, with their stiff, erect leaves may be used as a border. Such a group upon the lawn is of good effect in winter, when deciduous trees are bare, and the summer beds are "brown and sere".

Tardy Seeds .- Many persons fail with certain seeds because they are tardy in germination. Clematis will often lie in the ground for two years before germinating. Adlumia seeds will sometimes come up in two or three months, but often the seeds lie dormant for one, two or three years. Viola odorata rarely germinates till the next spring after sowing, as also seeds of Echinocystis lobata or Wild Cucumber, Duchman's Pipe vine and Roses. The same is true of Dictamnus fraxinella and many other perennials. Some shrubs and trees germinate promptly, but most of them are slow at starting. If seeds do not germinate in a few days or a few weeks, do not hastily conclude that they are not good. Their germinative character should be known to judge intelligently of their vitality.



Mealybugs.—These are often troublesome upon Coleus, Crotons and upon some other tender plants. They are easily eradicated, however, by rubbing off the nests, usually found at the leaf-axils or forks of branches, then syringing with quassia-chips tea as hot as the hand will bear.

Fungus on Benches. - A fungus often attacks the wooden benches of a greenhouse, causing them to quickly rot. careful florist cleans his benches off thoroughly once a year and whitewashes them inside and out. This is also beneficial in destroying insects and worms which may be harboring about the benches.

SOWING PERENNIALS.

SMILAX.

YEEDS of Biennial and Perennial flowers are easily started, but, as a rule, do not germinate as quickly as those of Annuals. It is well always to prepare the seed-bed on the east side of a picket fence or building, and protect it from wind by a low board frame. Smooth and press the soil firm, then press rows for the seeds. Sow evenly and thinly. If the seeds are very fine do not cover them. If coarse, cover twice the depth After sowing moisten of their thickness. with a watering can having a very fine rose, so the spray will be almost like a mist, then cover with boards or heavy paper that will turn the rain. Sow seeds that come up about the same time in adjacent rows, and remove the cover as soon as the plants begin to appear. Never let the bed suffer from drouth. Avoid direct sunshine, and do not expose to wind or rain, until the plants are strong and hardy. The soil should be of a porous character, and not liable to bake or get hard. Set the plants where they are to bloom as soon as large enough, choosing a damp, cloudy day for the work. Some perennials sown this month will begin to bloom in autumn, but most of them will begin to bloom next summer.

Starting Dahlias.—In lifting Dahlias in autumn do not cut the stems close to the tubers, as it is upon the base of the stems that the sprouts mostly appear. A tuber without a portion of the stem is useless. It may form roots, but will not sprout. In sprouting, place the clumps in the soil, or in a moist, rather warm atmosphere, and when the sprouts show, divide carefully with a sharp knife, allowing a tuber or two to each sprout if possible. These may then be planted where you wish the plants to grow.

Dwarfing the Oleander.— To keep an Oleander dwarf and bushy, curtail the branches every season, just after the flowers fade, leaving three or four eyes to develop. Bending the branches until they are horizontal, then tying them so they will remain in that position, also induces free branching.

About Cyclamen.— In planting Cyclamen the corm should protrude above the surface of the soil, and in watering, especially while in bud and bloom, do not wet the crown of the plant and the stems. See that the drainage is good, and never let a plant suffer for want of water.

Calla.—When the first Calla bloom begins to fade, you will find another bud developing at the base. Cut away the old flower with its stem, being careful not to injure the bud, and water occasionally with weak liquid fertilizer. Often three flowers will develop in succession when thus treated.

OSTON SMILAX is a beautiful vine for a pot trellis, and easily propagated from seeds, which may be sown in a

garden-bed and the plants allowed to remain undisturbed till. fall, then potted for the window. The roots are tuberous, in little fascicles, and the clumps enlarge with age. The plants usually bloom when three years old, the flowers being small, white, and deliciously scented, followed scarlet berries the size of a Sweet Pea. After seeding it is best to let the plant remain almost dry for a month, then cut off the tops, shake



BOSTON SMILAX.

the clump of roots out, and repot in a larger pot, in a compost of rich loam, rotted manure and sand.

Kochia.— This is a handsome foliage annual, easily grown from seeds. To have the seeds germinate simply keep the soil moist till the plants appear. The little plants are very tender, however, and the sun or rain or wind would soon destroy them if not cared for. The plants make an effective group or hedge, being green in summer and a pleasing red in autumn. The green sprays are useful for bouquets and room decoration in summer.

Dahlia Pest.—A subscriber in Delaware county, New York, complains that about blooming-time a large-winged fly comes and stings her Dahlia stalks. She has tried hellebore without success. There is no effectual remedy for a stinging insect, except to prevent its access to the plants it troubles. This may be done in a limited way by the use of mosquito netting—setting over the plants a frame covered with netting that will exclude the pest.

Christmas Cactus.—If you have a Christmas Cactus (Epiphyllum truncatun) that does not bloom plunge the pot in a hot, sunny place in the garden during summer, and do not water it, unless you find it begining to dry up, which is not likely. In autumn remove to the plant window and water as needed. It will soon reward you by a fine display of buds and flowers.

Mardiness of Montbretias.—
Montbretias are hardy in the latitude of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. and can be allowed to remain in the ground over winter without being disturbed. They grow thickly in clumps, and the tops are a good protection. The flowers are very graceful and showy, and elicit general praise and admiration.

SHRUBS AND TREES.

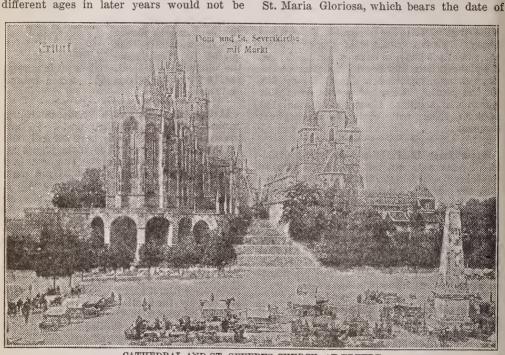
T MAY not be generally known that shrubs and trees start more promptly and grow more vigorously if planted when but a year old. At that time, too, they are easily and inexpensively packed and transported, either by mail or express. The young plants have their roots shortened in lifting, and the tops should be cut back to correspond. New roots will then push out in abundance, and new sprouts will start from the shortened tops, which will grow with great vigor, and soon form handsome bushes or trees.

By planting shrubs or trees when small they can be procured at one-fifth the cost of larger trees, while the growth of the smaller stock will be so much more vigorous than that of older stock, that the size of the trees of the different ages in later years would not be

EDITORIAL LETTER.

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Y DEAR FRIENDS: — The chief square of Erfurt, Germany, is a large, open, treeless space with an obelisk near the centre, a general market around, and on an eminence to the southwest the great Erfurt Cathedral, completed about the middle of the 15th century. This is considered "one of the finest ecclesiastical buildings in Germany. It contains some very rich portal sculptures and bronze castings, among others the coronation of Maria, by Peter Vischer. In one of its towers is the famous bell called



CATHEDRAL AND ST. SEVERUS CHURCH, AT ERFURT.

noticeable. If you care for shrubs and trees this is a good month to buy and plant them, and the smaller, cheaper plants will be found far more preferable to the older, larger stocks.

Spidered Hydrangea.—An Indiana sister has a house Hydrangea that curled and dropped its leaves after blooming, and it was then placed in the cellar till February, when it was given a place in the window. At first it grew some, but soon the leaves began to curl and dry up as before. Her plant is doubtless troubled by red spider. The dry, warm room atmosphere encourages the spider. Syringe with soap-suds to which has been added a little kerosene, say a teaspoonful to a gallon, applying as hot as possible. Afterward syringe with clear water often, and set out-doors in partial shade during summer.

1447, and weighs 270 cwt." To the right is the St. Severus Church, also an imposing structure. The elevation is forty or fifty feet above the common level, and on the Cathedral side it is protected by a strong wall, above which, enclosing the yard, is an iron railing. The Cathedral has two great portals, the front one approached by a grand arch, with six alcoves on each side, adorned with bronze standing figures of the twelve Apostles. Each portal is fitted with two immense iron doors, with a heavy column between, the front portalcolumn adorned by a bronze figure of Christ. The rear portal is almost as elegant as the front one. Both of the arches are so elaborately decorated that I will not attempt to describe them. All around the walls are niches and corners and depressions adorned with bronze figures, and at the summit mon

strous and awfully hideous gargoyles thrust their heads from the structure and look out over the great landscape.

The gables and spires are very handsomely decorated, and the whole structure is massive and sublime. The yard between and around the buildings was paved with flagstones and small stones set in fancy rings. While I surveyed in awe and wonder and admiration the grandeur of this great Cathedral, what do you suppose I heard!—just two taps of a charming silvery bell from some little belfrey in one of the big steeples. How clear and sweet was its tone! I listened, listened almost in breathless silence, until the sweet vibrations lingeringly died away upon the fragrant evening air. I could almost imagine it was the tone of some sacred chime of a better world. I shall never forget its touching melody.

Oh, glorious and wondrous sacred building

not unusual to find services held in both of the churches by Catholics, while the Protestants worshipped upon the steps.

It may not be generally known that Martin Luther entered the University of Erfurt in the 18th year of his age and studied with a view to practicing law. He took his degree of Master of Arts; but finding, during his college life at Erfurt, a copy of the Vulgate in the University library, he became deeply interested, and withdrew to the Convent of Augustine, where, in 1507 he was ordained a priest and the next year removed to Wittenburg, where he became a teacher and preacher. and received the title of Bachelor of Theology; and still later this place became the cradle of the reformation. It was after he was called to give an account of his doctrines at the convention of the sovereigns by the Emperor Charles V at Worms, that Luther was siezed



CASTLE OF WARTBURG.

—the grand conception of devout worshipers of past ages! Your clear, mellow-toned bells have called for centuries to those within your hearing, to prepare for a better world! Your tall, graceful spires have pointed heavenward as a silent appeal to the people that this life is not their ever-abiding place! Your walls have resounded with heavenly messages of love and duty, even from the devout Luther. Long may you continue to give comfort and joy to those who seek your shelter, your instruction and your righteous benediction!

A giant approach to these churches is the tapering stairway with four broad landings, leading to the iron gates at the entrance. The churches are Roman Catholic, but the steps are claimed by the Lutherans; and I was told in Erfurt by citizens that Luther's birthday is celebrated upon these steps, and that it is

by order of his friend, the Elector of Saxony, and placed for safe keeping in the Castle of Wartburg, where he translated the Bible, and where he threw the inkstand, as he imagined, at Satan. The stain of the ink is still shown on the wall of the old castle, which remains in good condition to this day.

There were a number of monasteries in and about Erfurt, and their beautiful flower and vegetable gardens became so noted that a demand for the seeds widened until the saving of seeds became a great industry, as it is at the present time. The monastery gardens were thus the beginning of the great seed gardens now found at Erfurt.

On the way in from one of the big gardens one evening I came upon a beautiful little park in front of an old church. The foreground was of tall trees, with a thicket of shrubbery, and

between this thicket and the church was a small, rich green lawn with a lovely flower bed in the centre and beautiful herbaceous flowers with rustic seats along the shrubby border. I spent a little time viewing and enjoying this charming spot. Enclosed by an iron railing in front of the trees and shrubbery was a massive pedestal upon which stands a large, handsome statue. I stood facing this statue for some minutes, closing my eyes and imagining how it appeared, then opening my eyes to correct the imaginary view, repeating the exercise several times, to fix the mind picture. Then with my pencil I took the inscription, as follows:

DR. MARTIN LUTHER.

Ich werde nicht sterben sondern leben und des Herrn Werke verkuendigen.

Psalm 118, vs 47.

My friends, you can get down your Bible and get the translation for yourselves. The park, church and statue are shown in the illustration. Your friend.

The Editor. La Park Pa., April 23, '09.

Cinnamon Vine. - This is a rather pretty vine, but it cannot be depended upon to bloom, though its small white clusters are sweet - scented and pleasing. A correspondent says her vine is eight

years old and has never bloomed. It is more likely to bloom in a sandy, rather dry soil with full exposure to the hot sun, than in a deep, damp soil in partial shade. I have never been able to conscientiously recommend this vine to those who want shade and bloom, for it is so often disappointing in both. At a proper estimate of its merits, however, it would be satisfactory, and it is worthy of a place in every large collection of perennial vines.

Fish Worms.—To get rid of fish worms in pots, tap the surface till the worms come out, then remove them. Or, water water as hot as the hand will bear. water with lime

REMEDY FOR WHITE FLIES.

SISTER from Colorado, says that white flies can be destroyed by syringing infested plants with cold water, above a tub of water, the spray being dashed upon the under side of the leaves with considerable The flies drop into the water, into which a few drops of kerosene have been stirred, making a thin scum of oil over the surface, and soon die and can be skimmed off. The only fault with this remedy is that most white flies are very active, and leave the plant as soon as it is disturbed. For insects that are sluggish the suggestion is a good one.

A zalea.-

After blooming

keep the Azalea

in a cool win-

dow till danger

from frost is

past, then

plunge the pot

in coal-ashes on the north

side of a wall

or building, and keep well

watered dur-

summer and autumn. If re-

potting should

be necessary,

it should be

done just after

the flowers

fade, before re-

moving it to the outside. On

the approach

of winter,

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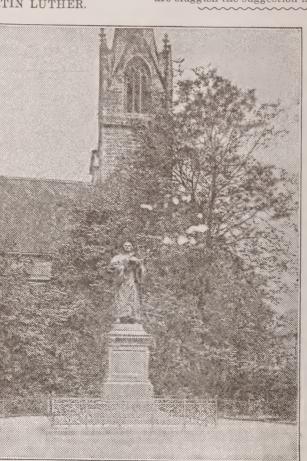
sunnier place.

With skillful treatment the

plant will

room,

proof



CHURCH WITH STATUE OF MARTIN LUTHER IN FOREGROUND.

bloom in the window for several years. Liquid Fertilizer.-To make plants grow vigorously, water once a week with water to which has been added spirits of ammonia, a tablespoonful to a gallon of water. This is excellent for Parlor Ivy, Coleus, Crotons, etc. Equally valuable is a tea made from sheep manure. Always avoid a strong liquid, as many plants are ruined by it.

Seedling Figs.—The figs from seedling Fig trees are good, but the trees will not bear as soon as those grown from grafts or cuttings. It is better to get a choice named variety if such can be procured.



CANTERBURY BELLS (Campanula Medium.)

HAT lovely flowers they are—so large, so graceful, so rich in texture and bright in color! Why, as they hang so freely from the branching, tree-like plant, radiant with beauty in the glorious summer sunshine, we almost listen for the merry tinkle, of the bells as they are swung from side to side by the soft garden zephyrs!

Why, oh why, do so many people slight these charming "Bells?" They ring with merit. They come in single and double and cup and saucer forms, show "e distinct colors of pure white, pure blue, pure rose, and rich blendings. The plants are readily grown from inexpensive seeds, and are of easy culture. Sown now the plants will bloom next season, and if seeding is prevented they will bloom the third year. By all means sow a few packets of the seeds this mooth. You will never regret it.

CHILDREN'S LETTER.

Y DEAR CHILDREN:-I presume you have all seen the Scarlet Maple, which is so much prized in many places for shade and ornament. Well. I want to tell you that I am the happy owner of a large twin-tree of this species, which stands upon the farther bank of the mill-race, midway between my home and office. Every year it tells me of the arrival of spring by donning its fuzzy scarlet robe, and shaking out its sweet incense, thus calling also to my busy bees in their cozy hives under the budding Cherry trees on the near-by hill: "Come to the honey feast this early, warm spring day, for there is room and sweets for all." And true to their big, sweet friend, the little honey-gatherers accept the invitation. Such a happy hum as greeted me the other day while passing along

the path! I stopped and listened, and looked up into the wreath-like branches, and could see the dear little insects flitting from flower to flower, enjoying the feast, and all the time giving evidence of their enjoyment by their continuous song.

But that was not all that I saw and heard, for while standing there, basking in the lovely warm sunshine, enchanted by the first sweet blooms, and the first happy chorus of the opening season, what do you suppose I heard, right up among the bees and

flowers? Well, it sounded like this: "F-l-i-c-ke-r, Flicker, Flicker!" -each successive note coming faster and faster. I peered up through the scarlet, bloom-covered branches to the larger limbs, in a vain effort to see the happy visitor, but was again surprised by a

rapid succession of sounds like beating upon a log with a hammer. There was a dead limb further up in the tree and there I saw the merry little woodsman, hopping upward upon the thick, barkless limb, searching in every little niche and cranny, just as busy in his work as the humming bees around While I looked he called again-"Flicker, Flicker, Flicker, Flicker," then flew over to an old hollow apple tree which stands Forsythia Sieboldii.



in the perennial garden, where I heard him again calling and pounding. He was evidently looking for a hollow limb in which to prepare his summer home. But how happy and contented he seemed! As I thought of his joy, saw the beauty of the flowers, reveled in the sunshine and sweet perfume, and heard the soothing insect chorus I felt inexpressible pleasure, knowing that the cold, bleak winter days were once more a thing of the past, and the joyful, blooming, fragrant summer days were at hand.

From the view of the old apple tree I cast my eye upon the shrubbery near me, and



there, hanging over the water's edge was a branching, weeping bush of Forsythia Sieboldii, every slender stem a wreath of bright golden bells, rich and beautiful. I could not but admire it, and rejoice in its graceful and charming appearance. It is one of the shrubs that gladden the early days of spring, and the sight of it almost makes us listen for the song of the robin and lark. Passing a little further on

Laurus Benzoin. I was delighted with a bush of Laurus Benzoin, the pretty Spice-wood, bearing thousands of exquisitely fragrant blooms in golden clusters. This handsome bush called to mind the spring days of early childhood, when I gathered Spicewood bloom along the rippling stream near the old farm house, and the later days of the year when the branches, covered with scarlet berries, were gathered as a token of the ripered fruits of autumn. This bush, so easily grown, so early-blooming, so handsome in flower, and so spicy and pleasing in fragrance, deserves to be better known. I love it for its utility as a lawn shrub, as well as for the sacred associations which it recalls.

But I must tell you of the more modest blooms that appear along the pathway. A year ago I had the south side lined with hundreds of Polyanthus Narcissus, yellow, white with yellow cup, and white with orange cup. Well, would you believe it! that last fall, when the frost came dozens of those bulbs were pushing up splendid big clusters of bloom, and they kept budding and blooming beautifully until the ground actually froze up, and left the buds and flowers stiff and crisp. You would think that was the finish of those Narcissus. But no! As soon as the ground

thawed this spring up pushed the big clusters of budsagain and up came the handsome



Long rows of Single Daffodils.

foliage, and today there is a thick line of foliage and bloom from these bulbs, and the air is redolent with their perfume. The bulbs were kept over winter before planting, and some developed flowers during the summer, but

more in autumn, and now they are a wreath of bloom. Can anyone say the bulbs are not hardy, or not free-blooming after this experience?

Along the north side of the path a row of Crocuses was set last fall, and they began to bloom almost as soon as the snow disappeared. Now they are through blooming, but have pushed up their lovely, narrow, arched leaves, distinctly marked with a silver stripe through the centre, and are almost as attractive as though in flower.

And now I will speak of the side path that runs down through a depression, at right angles with the larger one, joining it near the Forsythia I mentioned. That path is lined on the west with thousands and thousands of white and sulphur single Narcissus, and golden yellow double Daffodils. They stand all abloom, in long, thick rows, and are glorious, admired and praised by all who see them.

Doesn't it seem strange, my dear little

friends, that the robins are singing and building before even the Weeping Willow standing at the water's edge, the earliest of foliage trees, has put on its summer robe? Yes, and the Peweet, the King-bird, and many others. The little



are preparing to build in the dense Blackberry thicket on the race-bank near the Scarlet maple; the King-bird is selecting a place for its summer home in the top of the big thorn by the path; the robin is building in a Locust tree near the high rock in the little park by the path, and the Pe-weet has a nest in a niche of the rock, beneath the ledge, where it is protected from rain and storm, and where the native scarlet Columbines and Rock Ferns will decorate the surroundings. I rejoice in the safety of these little songsters, for I have the grounds surrounded by a high cat-proof fence, and woe to the prowling cat that gets inside and attempts to molest them. It will wish it had retained its profession as a rat and mouse catcher before it gets outside of its prison wall, for the bath it gets in the deep

mill race will certainly put it out of commis-

Sincerely your friend, The Editor.

La Park, Pa., April 16, 1909.

sion as a bird-catcher.

CULTURE OF MONTBRETIAS

ONTBRETIAS are becoming very popular as summer - blooming bulbs. They increase by underground stems, and one bulb will very soon form a large, blooming clump, as the bulbs

are hardy, and can be allowed to remain in the ground over winter. Set four inches deep the plants soon appear above the ground, and develop branching stalks covered with lovely, graceful, richcolored bells, ranging in colors from yellow to rich scarlet, pleasingly shaded and 🕮 blotched. They like a



MONTBRETIAS.

sunny exposure and moderately rich, porous soil. In a very severe climate it might be necessary to protect the bulb by a covering of straw or litter, or coal ashes, but I have clumps of the bulbs that have been out for five winters unprotected and uninjured, and I believe further north, where there is snow protection they would prove equally as hardy as at La Park, Pennsylvania.

Leaf Spot.—When Ferns develop small dark spots on the under side of the fronds, such spots will be found to contain the plant. spores, which, when ripe and sown, will reproduce the plant. If the spots are not of this character they may be a scale insect. If so, rub them loose and sponge off with soapsuds. Or, it might be a fungus growth that has attacked the foliage, in which case, cut away and burn the fronds, and dig some flowers of sulphur into the surface soil. Palms may be troubled by scale and fungus, also, and are treated the same as Ferns.

Abutilon.-When the leaves of the Abutilon curl and die at the edges it is mostly due to an attack of red spider, a little mite that spins a microscopic web, and is encouraged by a hot, dry atmosphere. To get rid of it, syringe or sponge the leaves with soap-suds to which has been added a little kerosine, well mixed. If plants are frequently syringed they will not be troubled with red spider. Its appearance is evidence of an unfavorable atmosphere, and the neglect to use the syringe.

Keeping Cannas and Dahlias. -These can be kept in a rather warm, well-ventilated cellar. Shelves hung to the joists in the cooler part of the furnace-room form a good storage place for such roots. They may also be kept in pots of soil in the living room. A damp, close, cold cellar is not suitable, as they are liable to the attack of a fungus which will ruin them.

HYBRID GLADIOLUS.

ONSIDERABLE attention has been paid to the improvement of Gladiolus during the past few years, and by hybridizing and careful selection many new and beautiful varieties have been obtained. Per-

haps the most attractive and desirable, however, are the hybrids of the Gladiolus gandavensis, developed by the French some years ago, and improved from year to year, so that the flowers are now larger, of a wonderful variety of beautiful shades and variegations, while the plants are of good habit and very freeblooming. In a bed they make a fine display, and if the spikes are cut and put in vases of water they will keep well, and the buds open for some days. They are thus valuable, not only in the garden but for room decoration as well. The engraving shows a handful of blooming spikes as they appear when cut from the plant.

The culture of these Gladiolus is very simple. Plant the bulbs five or six inches deep in May or June, setting them in rows a

foot apart, and five or six inches apart in the rows. Keep the weeds down and the soil well hoed until the plants are pretty well developed. If desired Kenilworth Ivy can be sown over the bed, which will make a carpet for the plants, and prevent over-heating of the soil. The bulbs will bloom according to the time they were planted, and if you wish a succession of flowers plant the bulbs at

different times. The finest flowers are those that come from late planting, and open in the cool autumn weather. In the South the bulbs are hardy, and can remain in the soil, but at the North they should be taken up, the tops cut off, and the bulbs stored in a dry, cool cellar. They are easily kept. The bulblets

found at the roots can also be taken care of and set out in the spring. The hull should be peeled from these before planting, otherwise they are slow in starting and a year later in blooming.

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Moles .-These little rodents, it is said, do more good than harm on the farm, as they are carniverous, and live chiefly upon insects, larva and worms found in the soil. They are destructive in the garden, however, as they mutilate bulbs and roots. about which insects, larva and worms congregate, and on the lawn they throw up hills and ridges, and make the surface unsightly. They live beneath the soil, and have lost the use of their eyes, but their sense of smell and hearing are very acute, and on this account they are very difficult to trap. It is as well to keep them out



of the garden or bed by sinking a wire screen into the soil, turned outward an inch at the bottom, and allowed to extend two inches above. This will be found an effectual barrier to the little pest.

Lilies. — The time to reset Candidum Lilies is in summer, after the tops have died down. The late blooming kinds should be reset late in autumn.

CRINUM ORNATUM.

OST of the Crinums have large bulbs with a long, thick neck. In potting the base of the bulb should be set but a short distance in the soil, allowing the long neck to protrude above. After the season's growth is mature partially with-hold water for a period of four to six weeks, but do not dry off entirely. When you wish the growth to become active give a warm, sunny place, and water freely. In shifting, which should be done as soon as the flowers fade, you can remove a portion of the offsets with benefit to the parent plant, but do not disturb the large, fleshy roots unnecessarily. occasionally with weak liquid fertilizer, and a little phosphate worked into the surface soil while growth is active will be found beneficial.

Raising Asparagus Plumosus.

—This, and indeed all the decorative species, can be readily raised from seeds. Sow in earth that will not bake, covering a fourth of an inch deep, firming the soil and keeping moist till the plants start, which will be in about 30 days. If the soil is allowed to become dry it will take longer for germination. Do not neglect watering till the seeds start. A. Sprengeri, A. Deflexus, A. Verticillatus, A. Comoriensis, A. Decumbens, A. Acuminata and A. Tenuissimus—all require the same treatment, and germinate in about the same time.

Amaryllis.—The Amaryllis Johnsonii and large-flowered hybrids do well bedded out in summer. Give them a deep, rich soil, and a rather exposed situation. Separate the bulbs if they are in a clump; and let each grow by itself. In the fall, lift the bulbs and place them in the cellar, allowing the fleshy roots to adhere. In January take them out and pot in rich soil, and in a little while the buds will appear, coming out before the foliage. Those who have been unsuccessful with these Amaryllis should try this method of culture. It is generally successful.

A Calla Too Large.—A Kansas sister has a Calla Lily that she finds a nusiance on account of its size. She should set it out in a sunny place in summer and let nature care for it, and in the fall pot it in a rather small pot, say a five-inch or six-inch pot. If there are offsets, remove them before potting. Many plants are dwarfed by using a small pot, and crowding the roots, and root-bound plants are likely to bloom more freely than those grown in large pots.

Keeping Begonia and Gloxinia Tubers.—These can be readily kept over winter. Dry them off as winter approaches, and set away in a cool, frost-proof room, keeping them in the pots in which they grew. Repot in March, or earlier, if you wish. 50° is the proper temperature.

ABOUT GLOXINIAS.

LOXINIAS are regarded as summerblooming plants. Pot the tubers in the spring, using half-rotted sods, leafmould and sand, equal parts, well mixed, with good drainage, and placing the tubers so the crown will protrude above the soil. Keep moist and in partial shade, giving plenty of

light and air. Thus treated they will bloom throughout the summer. For winter blooming keep the tubers dry and cool until midsummer, then pot them and treat as above recommended. Some report good



success in getting the plants GLOXINIA TUBER. to bloom in winter by late potting. To get new plants sow seeds, as seedlings are always healthy and vigorous. Propagation, however, can also be effected by inserting the leaf-stem in sand, using it as a cutting. A little tuber will soon form at the end of the inserted stem, which will, in time develop into a blooming plant. Branches of a plant can also be started in sand.

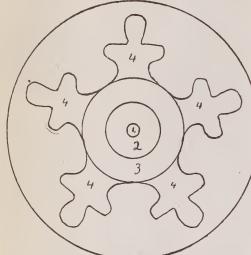
The Plume Fern.—The various feather or plume Ferns are liable to revert to the original form, and there is no special remedy for it. It is well to grow the plant in a rich, porous, well-drained soil, and water occasionally with weak liquid manure, keeping in partial shade. There are certain seasons when the plants are more liable to revert than at others; and often, after plain fronds have developed, more favorable weather or treatment will bring out new, feathery fronds. A plant should not, therefore, be hastily discarded, as it may later regain its plumy character.

Chlidanthus fragrans.—A bulbous plant belonging to the Amaryllis family. The bulb should be kept in dry sand or soil in a dry, cool but frost-proof place till spring, then potted in a compost of rotted sods, leaf-mould and sand, equal parts, with good drainage. In potting remove any offsets that may be upon the bulb. Water freely, and keep in a warm room, a partially shaded place in summer. The flowers appear first, then the leaves. Dry off in autumn and store away again until spring.

Scedling Palms. — Palm seeds start slowly, rarely showing above ground in less than from one to three months. When the young plants are well started they can be potted in three-inch pots, kept moist, and in a partial shade. Give them plenty of air, but do not let the hot sun strike the sides of the pot. Where several plants are together, sink the pots in a tray of sand, and place some sphagnum over the surface. Palms are of easy culture, and when well grown are a source of admiration and praise.

DESIGNS FOR FLOWER BEDS.

OR attractive, harmonious and beautiful flower beds the gardens and parks of Vienna excel. I saw nothing the past summer in Germany, France or England

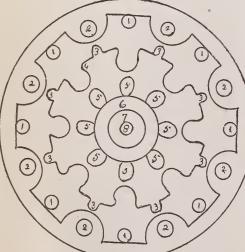


AUSTRIAN FLOWER BED, FIGURE 1.

that approached the handsome designs of those found in Austria. The various public gardens and grounds were exceedingly interesting and pleasing because of the tasteful arrangement of flowers in masses and groups, the colors contrasted in the most striking and harmonizing manner.

and harmonizing manner.

While on the grounds I made sketches of some of the handsomest beds, and took notes of the flowers used in planting, and I reproduce them here for the benefit of readers:



AUSTRIAN FLOWER BED, FIG. 2.

Figure 1 represents a design in one of the public parks, which was variously planted to avoid a monotonous effect. The centre, 1, a Palm three or four feet high; 2, Dwarf Cannas; 3, Ornamental Sedges or Grasses; 4, Begonia Sem-

perflorens carminea, bordered with red Achyranthus. Other beds of the same style were filled with Palms, Cosmos and Grasses, as stated, while section four contained scarlet Geraniums, bordered with Cinearia maritima.

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Fig. 2. The centre, 8, is a large Palm; the ring, 7, is filled with Canna robusta; ring 6, Caladium esculentum; the links, 5, are filled with blooming scarlet Geraniums; the links, 3, are filled with Begonia luminosa, and the filling around the links 3 and 5 is of dwarf blue Ageratum, edged with golden Feverfew. The border of the outer section is a foot broad, made up of Cineraria maritima, with filling of Begonia semperflorens carminea. The effect of the whole bed was harmonious and admirable.

whole bed was harmonious and admirable. Fig. 3. 1, Palm; 2, Ornamental Grass; 3, Scarlet Geraniums; 4, Begonia semperforens carminea, edged with Artemisia; 5, Blue Lobelia; 6, zigzag rows of red Alternanthera; 7, dwarf, light green Sedum. This was a terraced bed, about 20 feet across. The border was fiat, of sod, about a foot broad; then came the terrace of zigzag Alternanthea with Sedum filling; then a flatspace filled with Helichrysum lanatum, in which the bed of blue Heliotrope appeared; then the Begonia sections, Geraniums, etc., the various rings terraced until the Palm at the centre occupied the highest point. There were four beds of this handsome design, differing only in the colors of the Begonias used. All were attractive.

were attractive.

At the Schwartzenburg Gardens was the most gorgeous and elaborate display of flower beds l



AUSTRIAN FLOWER BED, FIG. 3.

have ever seen. Their effect was bewildering, and I will not attempt to give a general description here. One terraced bed I sketched, Figure 4, planted as follows:

1, Yucca; 2, Salvia splendens; 3, Coleus verschaffelli; 4, Diamond beds on terrace; 5, background of Cineraria maritima; 6, border of Achyranthus; 7, Alternanthera; 8, Echeveria. (Con. on next page.)



FLOWER BED IN THE SCHWARTZENBURG GARDENS.

This bed was 16 feet across, mounded; the Yucca was surrounded by a three-foot ring of Scarlet Salvia, bordered by a single row of Coleus Verschaffelti; from this was a slope three feet broad, as indicated in drawing, with Cineraria maritima used as a background, in which appeared eight diamondshaped beds two feet across diagonally, filled with dwarf blue Ageratum bordered with Achyranthus; Alternanthera and Echeveria finished the mound at its base. The Salvia was not effective; a good blooming Geranium would have appeared better.

Notes on other designs were taken as fol-

lows:

Scrolls.—Silver-leaf Geraniums bordered with red Achyranthus. Begonia luminosa bordered with red Alternanthera. Centaurea candidissima bordered with yellow Alternanthera.

Small Circular and other Shaped Beds,—most of

them with a Palm in the centre: Abutilon Savitzii bordered with Begonia luminosa. Yellowish green bordered with Begonia luminosa. Yellowish green foliage Geranium bordered with yellow Coleus. Tuberous Begonias bordered with golden-leaved Coleus. Begonia Semperflorens rosea bordered with Begonia luminosa. Blue Ageratum bordered with red Alternanthera, edged with boxwood.

Stemless Hyacinths. — The reason Hyacinths are sometimes stemless is because the bulb lacks sufficient roots to develop stem and buds. Get well-matured bulbs in October, if possible, and after potting keep in a dark, moist, rather warm atmosphere until well rooted, then bring gradually to the light, avoiding direct sunlight until you wish the buds to develop. Most of the complaints come from persons who got their bulbs late in the season, December or January, and then failed to give them sufficient time to form good, strong roots before giving them direct sunlight.

Seedling Geraniums .- These should not be repotted often, if you wish them to bloom promptly. Blooming will be promoted by watering sparingly, giving plenty of direct sunshine, and crowding the roots. As a rule, however, it is better to shift the plants and encourage a liberal growth until summer, then bed them out in a sunny place. Here they will soon reveal their blooming qualities and character as bedding varieties.

Scales on Ferns. - When Ferns or Asparagus become infested with the Scale insect, the best thing to do is to cut the tops off at the ground, and see that no scales are left on the stubbles. Then apply a layer of tobacco stems, chopped fine. Thus treated, the new growth will be free from the pest, as the young scales cannot get access to the springing shoots.

Freesias After Blooming.-After blooming in pots in winter continue watering until the tops die, then withhold water till the soil is dry, and set in a cool, dry cellar, where the bulbs may remain in the dry soil till August, when they may be taken out and repotted in fresh soil.

LILIES IN POTS.

S A RULE in potting Lily bulbs use large pots, setting the bulbs two inches beneath the surface. Rotted sods, leafmould and sand make a good compost. In summer plunge the plants in coal askes



where they will be shaded at midday. Keep in a cold but frostproof place in winter. If repotting is necessary shift the plants just before they begin to grow in the spring. In shifting avoid disturbing the roots. Most Lilies have large, fleshy roots at the base, which develop the early growth. Later, along the stem above the bulb come tufts of fibrous roots which assist in the nourishment

and growth of the plants. Pot culture is not recommended where there is garden room, but by some experience the cultivator will meet with good success treating the bulbs in that way. The soil can be enriched by liquid fertilizer, and also by renewing the surface soil before growth begins.

Starting Calceolaria Seeds. -The seeds of Calceolaria are very small, and should be sown in shallow furrows pressed in the surface, the soil having been previously sifted fine and pressed firm. Do not cover the seeds, but place a pane of glass over the pot, and water by setting in a dish of water, allowing the soil to be moistened through the drainage hole, and the pores of the pot. Germination will take place in about fifteen days; then lift the glass and admit air. Avoid direct sunshine. The soil should be half sand and the rest leaf-mould or porous loam. Keep at a temperature of 60° to 75°. If the first sowing fails make a second or third sowing. If the seeds are good and the work well-done success will be assured.

Rooting Acalyphas. - Acalyphas are easily started from cuttings of half-hardened wood, taken with a heel, or at least at a joint, and inserted in wet, sharp sand, with bottom heat. They strike better in winter and early spring than at other seasons, but fair success may be had at almost any season, if the conditions are right. The Acalyphas are hot-house plants, and will not endure much cold or severe changes of temperature. This must always be borne in mind, for a cold temperature will stunt or destroy either cuttings or plants.

HARDY PERENNIALS.

A FINE YELLOW IRIS.

EW PERSONS are aware of the beauty and lasting character of the hardy herbaceous perennials. Once started they last for years, growing and blooming almost without care, and making the garden a real paradise with beauty and fragrance in early summer, when there is generally a partial dearth of garden bloom.

May is a good month to start a perennial bed. The seeds are inexpensive, and if sown

in a protected place in the garden and given some attention you will have a nice variety of plants to transreferred the

plant. If preferred, the seeds can be sown where the plants are to bloom, and often flowers will show of

HARDY PRIMULA. certain kinds in the autumn. Aquilegia, Canterbury Bells, Perennial Larkspur, Hollyhock, Linum, Perennial Poppy, Hardy Primula, Sweet William, Platycodon, Saponaria and Pinks and Picotees are all easily started from seeds, and easily grown. Few will bloom this season, but next year you will have a revelation of beauty when the flowers begin to open in your perennial bed. You will never regret the expenditure of a dollar for perennial seeds this month. It will return to you a hundred-fold in bloom and beauty and fragrance next season.

Non-blooming Fuchsia.— A non-blooming Fuchsia may be bedded out on the east side of a wall or fence or building, and mulched during summer with well-rotted manure and bone-dust mixed. If it does not bloom during the season, do not be troubled further with it. Get a plant of a free-blooming variety.

For a Dry, Shaded Place.—For a dry, shaded place, the various species of Col-

umbine will be found desirable perennials. They are very easily grown from seeds, will bloom for a long period, and are tenacious, graceful, showy, and of many exquisite colors—coming in shades of white, blue, red and yellow. They will also do well in a sunny exposure. If the beauty and utility of Columbines were known they would certainly be among the most popular of our garden flowers. They ought to be generally culti-

vated, as they deserve a prominent place in every flower garden.

N EASILY grown and beautiful Iris is Iris Pseudo-acorus, or Water Flag. In rich, boggy soil, or by the margin of a stream, the plant will grow three feet or more in height, bearing its handsome

flowersin clusters. The flowers are large, the limb being clear, bright yellow, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep, while the falls are nearly two inches broad, and of a very showy orange-vellow. pure and distinct. The stem is stiff and erect. branches, and each branch has its clusters of bloom. The flowers do not all open at once, but develop



at intervals, a new flower opening as the older one fades. For a pond or lakelet this Iris is unsurpassed. The foliage is beautiful, somewhat resembling that of a giant Calamus, and when the stem is adorned with its showy bloom a clump of the plants excites much admiration. This Iris also does well in the garden, but is not so robust in growth as when planted by the water's edge. It is a native of Western Asia.

Palms from Seedlings.—As a rule Palms grow well from seeds when planted while they are fresh. Latania seeds germinate in from four to six weeks. Brahea in the same time or a little later, but a number of species require from three to six months to start. Plant the seeds twice the depth of their thickness, in porous, well-drained soil, firming the soil well after planting, and keeping moist and rather warm until germination takes place.

Green Aphis. — The Green Fly or Aphis is often troublesome upon Lady Washington Geraniums and Cinerarias. To cleanse the plants, dust tobacco powder over the leaves, both sides, and keep from direct sunshine for a couple of days. Then syringe the plants, and put chopped tobacco stems upon the surface soil about them. If the pest appears again, apply the tobacco powder again. Once cleansed, the tobacco stems will keep the plants from any future attacks.



IMPROVED SINGLE AND DOUBLE SWEET WILLIAMS.

ID you ever see a big bed of the improved single and double Sweet Williams in bloom? If so you have a rich mind-picture of their dazzling beauty, and sweet memories of their delicious fragrance. We love the Sweet Williams! Their very name recalls the old home garden with all of its hallowed associations. They speak of youth-time with its joy and freedom. They are reminders of the happier days.

But I wish I could so impress all with the improved beauty of the flowers as now grown that everybody who has a garden would start a bed of them at once. The seeds never fail to grow, and the plants will last for years, and bloom almost continuously, if not allowed to form seeds. White, rose and rich crimson, eyed, blotched, and margined, single and double, all in great clusters! Truly they are gorgeous, and their fragrance fills the garden. You will err if you do not start a big bed of the improved Sweet Williams now.

CLUSTER MORNING GLORY.

WO YEARS AGO I planted some seeds of the Cluster Morning Glory (Ipomœa violacea vera) in the open, about the middle of April. Soon after they made their appearance above the ground a cold rain set in, which lasted several days. When the rain was over I found the plants lying on the ground looking withered. I turned glasses over them but they did not revive. Last spring I again planted seeds of this vine. But this time I put them in a box in the house. Only two of the seeds germinated. They grew rapidly, and I had to pinch them back twice before the weather was warm enough to trans-

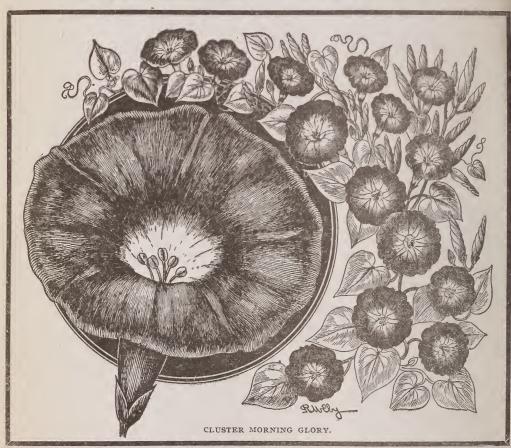
Every flower lover should grow this lovely vine. I feel grateful to the editor for calling attention to this beautiful vine.

Topeka, Kansas, March 11, 1909. J. E. S.

NOTE.—Avoid transplanting this vine if possible, as it retards the blooming season, and it blooms none too early at best at the North, where the seasons are short.—Ed.

EXPERIENCE WITH AMA-RYLLIS.

BOUT the middle of last April I bedded out a dozen of mixed Amaryllis. All were sound, mature buds, and all started to grow at once, but three. These



plant them out of doors. They were planted where they got the sunshine only in the afternoon. They soon covered a large space with vines and luxuriant foliage—but never a bud or blossom. I planted a few seeds where they would have the morning sun. Only one plant came up, but it flourished, and by the first of September I was amply rewarded by the sight of the most beautiful sky-blue Morning Glories I had ever seen. And now I think I have learned the secret of growing this beautiful vine. I will start it in the house, transplant it when the weather is warm, where it will have the morning sun only. Then the flowers remain open until the afternoon.

three, Johnsonii, a Veitchii seedling, and Equestris, simply stood still. They were in full sunlight, and were at all times green and plump, but they did not grow. I tried every degree of moisture, from the natural condition of the soil to a small deluge, but to no purpose. They stood till about September first, when I lifted them. There was not a sign of root to any of them. I took my knife and made two shallow gashes at right angles across the bottom of the bulbs, and set them back in the ground; within a week they began to show green, and now, December 16th, are the thriftiest ones of the lot.

Lincoln Co., N. C. E. H. Hane.



"EASTERTIDE."

Matt., 28: 1-8. Mark, 16: 1-6.
When broke the first glad Easter-morn
The women came where Christ had lain,
With spices sweet, but hearts forlorn,
And weeping for the Saviour slain—
Lo, like a blossom from the tomb,
An angel, bright, dispelled the gloom!

They had not thought to find Him gone,
But just because they loved Him dear,
Went forth at breaking of the dawn
To lavish on His corpse their care—
Great joy was for that care their meed;
They found the Lord had risen indeed.

So let there be not any dearth
Of Lilies white at Easter-tide:
An emblem, they, of hope on earth;
And this sweet message they confide:
Whoso for love doth lavish care,
Shall joy from Heaven surely share.

Jas. M. Bonner.

FLOWERS OF SPRING.

O flowers of spring, O flowers of spring, How fair your faces now; To each swaying bush you lightly cling, You smile from each bending bough.

O flowers of spring, O flowers of spring, Your fragrance fills the air; While happy birds exultant sing, You blossom everywhere.

O flowers of spring, O flowers of spring, Your beauty we adore; You are so fair, so comforting, We love you more and more.

O flowers of spring, O flowers of spring,
The winter was so long;
Heed now our voices welcoming,
As o'er the land you throng.
Ruth Raymond.

Waverly, N. Y., Feb., 24, 1909.

A ROSE-LEAF PILLOW.

In the golden Summer weather,
When the world was fresh and fair,
And the garden bloomed in beauty,
Roses, roses everywhere,
Forth I went at dawn and gathered
Petals fragrant, and I laid
Them away to form the filling
For a pillow I had made.
And through all the winter's tempest,
And the months of snow and ice,
Thus I kept the Summer's sweetness,
In the roses pungent spice.

In the golden days when Pleasure
Clasped my hand and we were gay,
Every morn I gathered Memories
And I laid them safe away,
For a pillow sweet, refreshing,
Where my weary head might rest
When I stood outside that garden
Of its glories disposessed.
So today I keep and treasure,
E'en though Sorrows round me moan,
In a store of Memory-petals,
Pleasure's fragrance for my own.
Bradford Co., Pa.
Lalia Mitchell.

SPRING SIGNALS.

I hear the welcome herald note
That leaps from royst'ring Robin's throat;
And 'neath the magic of his strain
The new-washed grass is born again;
While daring forth with joyous feet,
The children, taking counsel sweet,
Out o'er the greening meadows set
To seek the blue-eyed Violet.

Keithsburg, Ill. C. Cunningham.

A GERANIUM.

Out in the country where I was born,
The meadows are abloom today;
And the hedge-row glows with the sweet wild
rose,

rose,
Though I am far away.
But here in the city's dust and din
Where the smoke-clouds thickly lower.
There blooms on the edge of the window ledge
One bright Geranium flower.

And all the love that in olden days
I gave to the myriad flowers,
My heart bestows on this one that grows
To comfort my lonely hours.
For watching it I can see them all,
And they come to my narrow room,
With the cheer and charm of the dear old farm,
In my one Geranium bloom.
Bradford Co.,Pa.,Mar.10,1909.
Latia Mitchell.

FORGET-ME-NOT.

Don't forget me when you're happy, Keep for me one little spot; In the field of thy remembrance Plant a sweet Forget-me-not.

When thy day with care is burdened, And the Hearts-ease thou hast sought, From your world, bring but sad doubtings, Pluck a Pansy for my thought.

If the dreams that haunt you ever, Fade with sadness or regret, Let me keep thy friendship fervent, Fragrant as the Violet—

And when sleep at last enfolds you,
And the dreams come clear and true,
Let your tears fall as the dew-drops,
On the flowers I plant for you

Miss M E. Hollis.

Lafayette Co., Mo., Feb. 15, 1909.

BEAUTIES OF CLOUDLAND.

Rising in forms of splendor, Fleecy and soft and fair, Piled 'gainst the blue of heaven, Was never a scene so rare! For the clouds are a golden glory, Massed as in banks of wool, Rolling like foamy billows, Glorious and beautiful.

Rosiest tints at daybreak,
Flushing to scarlet glow,
I watch the changing colors
Of cloudlets lying low.
Forming a radiant pageant,
Crossing the evening sky,
Violet, red and golden,
Fairest of gems out-vie.

Lying in peaceful stratas,
Floating o'er azure plain,
Like fairy boats in dreamland,
With long-drawn fringed train.
Brightening in rays of snushine.
Darkening before the storm,
Ever a scene of beauty,
Whate'et, may be the form.
Washington Co., Ohio.
Mrs. G. W. Welch

SPRING WHISPERINGS.

When the sweet spring zephyrs whisper, That the flowers begin to bloom, With their pure, sweet presence cheering Once again a cold world's gloom, How we love to stray among them, See their starry clusters gleam, Out of dewy leaves so tender, By the woodland path and stream.

Pure and holy thoughts are breathing
From your dewy lips, sweet flowers,
And you lift our thoughts to heaven,
To the fair, eternal bowers,
Like the stars so meek and holy
In the blue 'xpanse above;
Oft ye speak to nearts grown weary,
Telling of our Father's love.

Oft your meek eyes rest upon me,
And a tender radiance beams,
As from eyes of one who loves us,—
Seen in mem'rys loving dreams;
Flowers, sweet friends, you ne'er reproach me;
Faith and love forever shine
From your eyes so pure and thoughtful,
Teach me love and trust like thine.

With fond eyes I e'en behold thee,
Fondest joys ye do impart,
And your ministries so holy
Fall into my yearning heart,
And the loving counsels whispered
Softly, sweetly full of love,
Come like tender Angel-whisperings
From the peaceful heavens above.

Emblems true of all that's lovely,
Consecrated, pure and sweet,—
But alas, like all things earthly,
Transient, perishing and fleet,
Though the earthly fades, dear Father,
Keep untouched the soul's sweet flowers;
From the world's cold breath protect them,
In life's early, trusting hours.

Barberton, Ohio. Hannah A. Selzer.

THE YUCCA TREE.

It stands in the midst of the desert In a country that lie by the sea, It's beauty and worth Scarce known to the earth, The beautiful Yucca tree.

I have seen many flowers of the tropics, And the wonders that grow in the sea, Though many are rare
Yet none can compare
With the beautiful Yucca tree.

All alone in it's gigantic beauty, No rival from mountain to sea Has ever been found The whole world around Like the beautiful Yucca tree, Irma B. Matthews. Hastings, Michigan.

MARGUERITE.

We'd reached the short days of the 'year,
The melancholy season;
ut what to us if skies were drear,
Our hearts were filled with sunshine here,
And I will give the reason:

The Guardian of the flowerets, sweet,
The while the world was sleeping,
Brought to our home a Marguerite
And then to make our joy complete
He gave her in our keeping.

Oh, wee, wee bud! we'd prayed that He
Who had the choice of giving—
As now the winter days doth she
Make brighter Grant that ever be
Earth better for her living. Ulysses R. Perrine. Detroit, Mich.

OVER A SOLDIER'S GRAVE.

I wove the wreathes of flowers, Of grasses sweet with dew; The children searched the bowers, And plucked them as they grew.

They helped me as I bound them, And listened as I told Of those for wnom we wound them, Once youths, carefree and bold;

Now men, aged, gray and broken, Upon whose snow-white heads Grim Death had set his token, Marked soon for earthy beds.

The others low were lying
Where winds sweet solace breathe;
No fear of war or dying
In those still hearts beneath.

Then slow, with silent meaning,
With rev'rence that is meet,
We heaped the mound with greening, And knots of blossoms sweet.

Then leaned our baby over And kissed the lowly bed, "Beneath this growing clover Lies one brave hero's head!

All of our blossoms take you!" Her childish message ran, "Sleep well till God shall wake you, We thank you, Soldier Man!"

Mercer Co., Ill., Mar. 8, 1909. C. Cunningham.

DO YOU?

Do you see the pretty sun
Hanging high,
In the sky?
Though his work is never done
He don't sigh
Or ever cry.
But as long years roll away
Keeps on shining every day,
And he does not try to shirk
On the sly.

Do you see a pretty flower
Blooming gay
By the way?
Though she shines in no fair bower
Like a ray
Day by day.
She just keeps on blooming there,
And with perfume fills the air,
And the passers-by all love her,
So they say.

Do you hear the robin singing
His sweet song
All day long?
Echoes through the woodland ringing,
Like ding-dong
Of a gong.
While from tree to tree he's winging,
To his family, food is bringing,
Yet you never hear him sigh
To be gone.

Hastings, Mich. Irma B. Matthews.

TO THE LESSER CELANDINE

Though withered lies the grass around, And leaf-buds still are sleeping, Yet from the lately-frozen ground, Thy dappled leaves are peeping.

And soon beside the murmuring brook, Thy sunlit gold will shine, A pretty page in Nature's book, Sweet spring's bright Celandine. Everson, Wash., Feb. 6, 1909. J. W. J. W. Eaton.

LESSONS FROM FLOWERS.

LOWERS are God's smiles, messengers of His love and goodness, given to us in garden and glen for our comfort and enjoyment. In the early springtime, we find the beautiful Arbutus peeping through the dry and faded leaves, and it is but the harbinger of brighter and better days; with all its sweetness and beauty it looks up through the dead leaves to the sky above, and seems to say: "I am the first flower to visit the cold earth. I bring to you a promise of the resurrected life in all nature; the long, cold

winter is ended, and I speak to you of the bright spring days".

The little Violet sometimes blooms in the hidden place. It bows its head in humility, and seems to speak forth the message: "I have a little place in this big world; I am humble and unnoticed by the crowd, but I may cheer some lonely passerby".

The saucy Dandelion looks up from every sunny slope, as if to boast that it can thrive in any place, with its head turned toward the sun, with pride it seems to tell us: "I reflect the sun's rays, and that is why I am so beautiful".

The Hyacinths and Tulips have a great mission in this world; within the stately mansion or near the quiet country home, we may see these lovely flowers. They seem to repeat the message again and again: "Our short lives are beautiful, because we fill the place designed for us, whether in the humble corner or within the lovely palace".

The Easter Lily with all its purity and beauty teaches us many lessons. As we look at it we are reminded of Him who bade us, "Consider the Lilies". It seems to tell us the

little story how, from the dry bulb it arose to a new and beautiful life. We may think of the Lily as the emblem of God's purity and care, and it also teaches us a great lesson about the resurrection power.

The Lilac and Snowball, with wide spreading branches, stand firm and grand, and in unison seem to declare: "We fill a great place. We can be seen from the distance; we thrive by the roadside or near the beautiful home. Without us there would be a vacant spot in this big world".

The Pansies bloom to make the world brighter, and with their cheerful faces look

wise and thoughtful. As we gaze at them, they seem to say: "We are the colors of the rainbow. No flowers seem so grand and beautiful".

What other lessons do the flowers teach us? Thev teach us about God the Creator. He could have made this world without the flowers, but has even scattered them in the lonely nooks to cheer us in our lonely pilgrimage. We can see God in the little flower. Is it the reflecting glass of Him? The Divine Artist lavishes all His skill upon the flower which must soon fade and die. He wants



us to remember that we are subjects of His care, He who clothes the flower with all its splendor, "Shall He not much more clothe you?" As we look at the flowers may we be reminded not only of His creative power, but also of His bountiful care.

I. M. C.

Uncasville, Conn., Mar. 29, 1909.

Ridding the Lawn of Dandelions.—Try going over the lawn with an oil can of gasolene. Push the spout well into the crown and watch for the result. It is easier and much more satisfactory than cutting out.

Pearl.

Boulder, Col.

HOW TO SECURE CHOICE PLANTS CHEAPLY.

VEN with only cents instead of dollars to invest in plants, one can still possess some fine specimens. As I sit by the roaring wood fire while the March winds

howl without, my plants are to me like a glint of summer.

Nearly filling the west window is a fine Abutilon, measuring 4½ feet from the soil to the tip of its highest branch. This came from seed planted two years ago.

In another window is a Begonia with its exquisite pink bloom and



ABUTILON.

shimmering leaves of green. This was one of the eight raised from part of a 3-cent packet of seeds. The same amount invested in Cyperus seeds produced plants enough to give to all my friends.

This year I am going to plant Gloxinia, Cyclamen and Primrose seeds. I would like to add Coleus, Cineraria, Asparagus, Palm, Geranium. I don't know where the list would end were not my resources limited by the windows available. The requisites for success are care in sowing and much patience,



for many of these seeds require a month or

longer to germinate.

In the bottom of the pot, which must contain an opening, place a layer of charcoal or broken dishes to insure good drainage. Nearly fill with sifted earth, containing a goodly proportion of sand, and pack rather firmly. Scatter the seeds evenly and press down well, but if fine, do not cover with earth, but cover with a piece of muslin, and sprinkle carefully.



GERMINATING POTS.

Never let the earth dry out. When the tiny plants appear remove the cloth and when necessary to transplant, pick them out with the point of a penknife and press carefully into the repotting soil, taking care not to disturb the roots. By winter they will be fine blooming plants, and ready to help to solve the problem of Christmas gift making.

Kitalena S. Walker.

Nunda, N. Y., March 5, 1909.

Bush Honeysuckle. - This is a handsome, easily-grown shrub. It is a rapid grower, and will succeed in any ordinary soil. The flowers are white or pinkish in color, and are produced in profusion in early spring. After the flowers fall off, the bush is covered with red berries which remain till mid-summer. It grows six feet or more in heighth. It is a native of northern China, and is perfectly hardy. W. C. Mollett.

Martin Co., Ky., Feb. 21, 1909.

Mountain Laurel. - This is sometimes called Calico Bush or Mountain Ivy. It is an evergreen shrub, growing six or eight feet high, and is covered with white or pinkish colored flowers in May. It is very pretty, and worthy of cultivation. It grows on the hillsides, usually in shady places, but it flowers better in a place where it can have considerable sunshine. It does not succeed in limestone or heavy soils. W.C. Mollett.

Martin Co., Ky., Feb. 21, 1909.

Balsams .- The improved Double Balsam is one of the best and most easily grown

annuals. The howers are almost as double as Roses, and are of a great many shades, both solid and variegated colors. The plants should be transplanted from the seed-bed, as they are more certain to prodouble duce flowers when so treated.



DOUBLE BALSAM.

The plants require considerable moisture, and should be watered in dry weather.

W. C. Mollett.

Martin Co., Ky., Feb. 21, 1909.

DREAM OF THE LILIES.

T WAS in the wide street-window of a little florist-shop that the lilies first saw the light of day. There were three of them, each in its separate pot-one full-blown and fair in its waxen freshness, the second half-blown and rich with promise, and the third just a tender, swelling bud.

Day by day, the first Lily, in her place nearest the glass, gazed upon the brightness of the outer world, dreaming wonderful dreams of the time when she should go out into it, and sometimes she swayed on her delicate stem and whispered her hopes to the others, filling their hearts, too, with vague anticipations.

It was a beautiful place without, she said, bright with sunshine, and gay with happy children, many of whom stopped, now and

then, to peep in at the window.



She could not be sure, she murmured, presently, but she believed that one of them was even now about to enter. Yes, it was quite true. A moment later, the shop-bell tinkled, and a sweet-faced girl in a blue cloak was bending over the trembling, expectant flowers.

"I'll take the largest one, please," she said, at once, in a clear treble. "Its for the church

on Easter day."

And so the first Lily went triumphantly away in dainty, white-gloved hands to fulfill

It was quite dull in the window after that, for some time, but in a day or so, a sprightly bunch of Jonquils came to take the vacant place.

"We shall never be noticed, now," mourned the second Lily, who, though almost fullblown by this time, had not reached the proportions of the stately first Lily.

But she proved mistaken, after all, for, scarcely an hour later, a faded, black-clad little woman was speaking in her vicinity. "A casket bouquet," she said in a low, sad voice "This small Lily will serve as a centre" And so the second Lily went hopefully forth into the great world.

"Am I never to go, too?" sighed the swelling bud wistfully, putting forth all the effort in her power to grow. So eagerly she tried, indeed, that before many more hours were past her effort seemed fully rewarded.

Alas, however, for any further hopes! The Jonquils shook their heads when they beheld her; some neighboring Pansies turned away their faces; for across the white of one snowy petal lay a brown, hideous blight that soon consigned its unfortunate owner to the halflighted rear of the little shop.

"I may as well give up," she sighed at first, drooping pitifully in her solitude. But out of the silence came a sudden inspiration. "There is a purpose even in my life," she whispered to herself in that moment. I not seek it in spite of my misfortune?" And she brightened up visibly and smiled bravely in the dimness. And then, wonder of wonders; a little, boyish hand touched her lovingly, one day, and she felt herself almost reverently drawn up into a pair of youthful arms. To be sure, they were painfully thin, and the breast against which she rested was both poor and ragged, but she knew that at last her chance had come.

Out, out into the strange world she went, from the broader streets into the byways, and up many flights of stairs to an attic chamber where a poor little sick girl lay. It was a wretched place, thought the blighted Lily, at first, again drooping in discouragement, but something seemed to whisper hope to her a second time, and she struggled gradually, and with all her might, back to brightness and cheer. So, lifting her head, one day, she beheld a white, affectionate face above her, and the invalid herself bent down closely. "You have helped me to get well," she whispered. I couldn't have lived without you. And the Lily, listening, knew that, after all, her best hopes had been realized.

Mable Hotchkiss Robbins. Waukesha, Wis., March 13, 1909.

Starting Slips. - I am successful in starting cuttings that are hard to grow, and here is the way I treat them: Cut a little end slit with a sharp knife, and insert a grain of Oats, root-end down. The Oat will grow, and seems to nourish the slip till it forms roots, then the oat-stalk can be cut off.

Cosmos.—One year I purchased a packet of Cosmos seeds, and a lovelier row of flowers and foliage one couldn't wish to see. The plants were as high as our yard fence.

Mrs. E. A. Earl. Tillamook Co., Oreg.

GERMAN IRIS.

HERE a plant is wanted that will succeed in any soil or situation, the German Iris will give satisfaction. Its only drawback is that the blooming season is somewhat short—only two or three weeks. The flowers are very showy, and are of a great many shades of color. When once planted they are no more trouble, and will live and bloom almost indefinitely in either dry or damp soil.

W. C. Mollett.

Martin Co., Ky., Feb. 21, 1909.

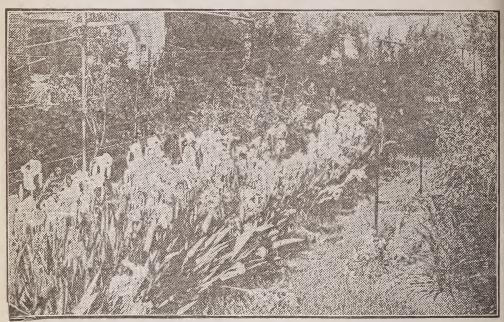
NOTE.—The engraving on this page, reproduced from a photograph, will give some idea of the beauty of the German Iris grown in large patches.—Ed.

SAUROMATUM GUTTATUM.

AST spring I had a large tuber of this queer plant sent me in exchange. I planted mine in the ground, but I have since read that the dry tuber should be placed in a warm room where it will blossom in a short time, and then placed out in the ground. I have a nice large tuber I want to try this spring. Can any of the sisters tell me of this curious plant from experience?

Kennebec Co., Me. Mary L. Warren.

[Note.—Arum cornutum is sometimes sold as Sauromatum guttatum, the true name of which is Sauromatum venosum. Arum cornutum will invariably throw up a big, showy flower toward spring



LARGE CLUMP OF GERMAN IRIS,

Chinese Sacred Lily.—These beautiful Lilies grow and bloom freely here in the open ground during February and March; but I have never had any success with them indoors. I have tried them in different soils and in water, but have never had a single bud on any of the bulbs I tried growing indoors. Those I have outdoors grow and bloom in any ordinary soil, and the longer they are left undisturbed the better they will bloom. The white varieties bloom so much more freely than the single golden yellow variety. The yellow ones are later coming into blossom, generally blooming the last of March in the open ground. L. E. H.

Douglas Co., Oreg., Dec. 24, 1908.

Begonia Purity.—I hope if the sisters have not one of these beautiful plants they will hasten to obtain one. I know they will be well paid for their trouble; the plants are just lovely with their snow-white panicles of bloom.

Mrs. Mary L. Warren.

Kennebec Co., Me.

if the tuber of blooming size is put in a dish without earth or water and placed on the window sill of the sitting room. Large blooming tubers are heavy, and on account of the postage cannot be obtained for less than 25 cents. The small tubers will not bloom. But, let me tell you, that when the flower first opens you will have to remove the plant to a secluded place for a while, or else vacate the room, for the odor of the flower is not pleasant. Keep the blooming plant in a cool, shaded window when in bloom. Its disagreeable odor will disappear in a day or two, and the plant can then be placed in the window you wish it to occupy.—Ed.]

Figs.—I have a seedling Fig-tree that is five feet high, and looks as though it was forming fruit. My sister grafted a Fig upon a Mulberry, and it seems to be uniting. Has anyone ever known of such a combination? Selma, Ala., Mar. 6, 1909. Miss L.H.H.

Scabiosa.—One of the easily grown annuals is Scabiosa or Mourning Bride, and the long stems make them fine for cutting. They come in named shades and colors. I am especially fond of the white ones.

Mrs. E. M. Butler. Woods Co., Okla., Feb. 22, 1909.

ARCTOTIS GRANDIS.

WOULD like to say a few words in praise of a little flower, whose praise has not been sung much yet. I mean Arctotis grandis. I have never seen anything more dainty than this blue-eyed beauty. In the morning as soon as the sun strikes it, it



ARCTOTIS GRANDIS.

unfolds its dainty petals, white above and lavender under neath, and the blue eye is unclosed. About half past three in the afternoon, the petals again enfold the blue eye for the night, to un-

I have seen one fold again in the morning. flower do this for four successive days, then it curled up and opened no more. The plant is somewhat ragged, but the flowers are so dainty; together with leaves of Dusty Miller they make a lovely display. It is almost a perennial here, I have some in bloom now. Mrs. E. Koch.

Alhambra, Cal., Mar. 20, 1909.

Pollenizing Morning Glories.— I wonder how many of the floral sisters have tried pollenizing flowers. I have tried and succeeded with Morning Glories, till my col-lection of white with red, blue and purple, irregular markings, is a wonder to myself and friends. Also red and deep purple with white markings. I select a vine for body color, train a branch out by itself, and as soon as possible after they open, remove the sta-mens carefully and pollenize with white or other colors, removing all flowers not pollen-Mornings that you do not attend to it you can pick the closed blossoms later in the day, so that nothing will form seed but your experimental flowers. I am sure it pays for the work.

Nrs. E. M. Butler. Woods Co., Okla., Feb 22, 1909.

Seedling Cyclamen. - I wish to speak of a Cyclamen raised from seed about



six years ago. 1 raised several fine plants from a package of seeds, one of which I gave to a friend, and it has grown beyond any of mine, becoming larger and handsomer each year. At one time it had 120 blossoms and 40 buds. It certainly exceeds in beauty any

I ever saw, even in greenhouses. Can anyone make a better report?

Mrs. L. Tottingham. Addison Co., Vt., Mar. 3, 1909.

SINGLE PETUNIAS.

WANT to tell you that single Petunias make very fine and free bloomers for win-My little son brought in a small plant late last fall, long after I had

brought in other plants, and said "Mainma, this little plant is getting so cold; may I leave it in the window?" He left it, and it soon began to bloom, and has not been without a blossom, and often five or six at one time, since. Its rosy flowers and sweet perfume have been a source of pleasure all winter. As soon as a



SINGLE PETUNIA.

blossom wilts it is removed, and others quickly follow.

Ladoga, Ind., Mar. 8, 1909.

Flowers in Oklahoma. - Mr. Editor:-I am writing to tell of my success with flowers. When we came to northwestern Oklahoma six years ago, I was told that I could not raise flowers in this high, dry, windy climate. But as I had seeds of some of the easily grown annuals I thought I would try anyway. I made my garden in newly-broken ground, carefully shaking out the sods, and making the bed as nice as possible, and sowed my seeds. Nearly everything grew well, and my double Portulaca, Phlox, Verbenas and Pansies proved to me at least that if there was a will there was a way. I had bouquets for every one, and that was no small number, as we kept a country store and had a good trade. Each year since I have had an added variety of flowers, till my list embraces nearly a hundred varieties. Last season I raised a nice variety of Cannas and Dahlias from seeds. It is a great pleasure to me to watch the plants grow, and when they begin to blossom, to see the beautiful blossoms, as fine as from roots, and so much cheaper! If all flower lovers are like me, they never can afford all the roots they would like.

Mrs. E. M. Butler.

Woods Co., Okla., Feb. 22, 1909.

Dahlias from Seeds .- I wish to say a word in favor of Dahlias from seeds. Last year I planted three seeds May 1st, growing the plants in tubs. When fall came I set the tubs in my bay window, and November 1st. two were in bloom. One was dark red, double and handsome. The other was white with mauve centre, and the most double flow-er I ever saw. I shall try a good many this year, planting the seeds earlier. Get seeds of a good strain if you want fine double flowers. Cheshire Co., N.H., Mar.6, 1909. Mrs.B.

ABOUT PRIMROSES.

HAT better winter bloomer have we than the Primrose? At present (March 1), I have twenty plants in bloom, and Most of these were more budded.

raised from seeds last spring, although a white one is at least six years old, and has never been out of bloom since it commenced, about nine months after the seeds were sown, and two of the Chinese variety were cuttings which started last summer.



CHINESE PRIMROSE

and I find them the sturdiest and most floriferous plants I have. Until I tested it for myself I had always believed Primroses could be propagated only from seeds.



I am much pleased with Primula Obcon-The plants are of such good form, and the flowers borne on slender stems, well above the foliage. The only fault I find with mine is, that although I bought mixed seeds, the six that have already bloomed are all identical in color-a deli-

PRIMULA OBCONICA. However, I have varied cate lavender-pink. the shade of some by giving different treat-

ment; in one can I stuck old rusty nails, and its flowers now have quite a blue caste, while another I treated to liquid manure has taken on a much rosier shade.

P. FLORIBUNDA.

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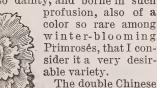
hear little of and see

less, but they are de-

serving of general

cultivation. This year

Of Primula Floribunda I have two shades, cream and golden yellow; and although the flowers are small, they are so dainty, and borne in such





I have three and find them as free bloomers P. CHINESE DOUBLE. as the single varieties. Miss Watson. Venango Co., Pa., March 1, 1909.

FALL FLOWERS.

NNUALS that prove late bloomers and resist considerable frost, such as kills

the more tender sorts, are especially desirable, as in most localities severe frosts are often succeeded by weeks of sunshine and comparatively warm weather, I under which conditions many sorts will bloom with richer color and more per-



CALENDULA.

fect form. Some that have embelished the writer's garden until the approach of severe weather, weeks after the first frost are Verbenas, Calendulas, Stocks, Dianthus, Alyssum and Petunias. As all of these flowers, with the exception of Alyssum, may be had in great variety, the



TEN WEEKS' STOCK.

range of form and color is larger than the list might indicate, and furnishes ample material for a supply of autumn bouquets, furnishing cheer during the season when one is prone to feel that the melancholy days have indeed come. This idea will be speedily dissipated by a handful of Calendulas, the most golden bloom that grows, or some of the spicy Stocks or Petunias.



DIANTHUS.

Annual Phlox also blooms very late, and are beautiful. Last fall the lower branches of my tall French Marigolds bloomed long after the tops were frozen stiff. The plants were large and very bushy, and the lower · branches were thus



SWEET ALYSSUM.

partially protected. Had the whole plant been covered with an apron or sheet, the damage done by frost would have been very slight, and where plants are in beds for ornaments they should be so protected during the first chills of autumn, and they will bloom until the severe frosts of winter cut them down.

C. M. R.

Suffolk Co., N. Y., March 8, 1909.

KEEPING CANNAS SOUTH.

FTER four years of experimenting I find it useless and unprofitable to lift Canna roots in autumn here and farther south. For some years I lifted my Canna roots in autumn, but, notwithstanding all my care to save them, I invariably have to start anew each spring; so in the autumn of 1906 I decided I would just leave them alone, as I had about given up saving them anyway. To my surprise they all grew the following spring, and seemed none the worse for the neglect they had sustained.

This experience led me to leave out the next

winter all but one clump, which I dug and stored very carefully. Those left in were not mulched or given any protection, other than that afforded by their own tops, which I cut and let fall on the spot. By Christmas my carefully cared for clump was entirely decayed and had to be thrown away. During a warm spell in January I dug and moved to a new location several clumps in the garden, finding them in splendid condition. Some I divided and others I planted again whole, and last spring they came out early. They not only grew nicely, but seemed more vigorous than ever before.

During the past summer I started some

more from seeds, and in the fall (October), determined to rearrange my garden. I found it necessary to move the Cannas before they had become dormant. So I cut the tops, though they were in full leaf, and lifted the clumps with as much soil as would cling to them. These perfectly green and growing roots I set out at once where wanted, and they have been there ever since, without one particle of protection, for the spot in which I set them was then perfectly bare, and is yet. In January we had some very cold weather for this country, followed by a warm spell

which started many plants to vegetating. This was next followed by a blizzard in February, which sent the mercury down to zero, and kept it there nearly two days. But notwithstanding all this, I noticed yesterday, (March 23), that my Cannas are all sending up numerous shoots, most of which are already an inch high.

Although I had previously had many proofs of the hardiness of Cannas, I fully expected they would be killed this time, and only refrained from protecting them in the interest of my experiments. That they are beginning to grow without apparent injury is a matter of some surprise to me, and at the same time

seems conclusive proof that Cannas are perfectly hardy, and able to take care of them selves in this climate.

No doubt that in the North it is necessary to lift the clumps in autumn, but here and in the South I think there is more reason to hope for a crop of bloom the following year, if Cannas are left out in the fall, than if taken out of the ground and stored. Jas. M. Bonner.

Morrison, Tenn., Mar. 24, 1909.

NOTE.—In Florida Cannas, Tuberoses and Caladi ums all do very well when they are left in the ground during the winter months. It is really the best way to preserve them. as well as the least trouble some.—Ed.



THE ANSWER.

She plucked a crimson rose, and held it, so, And softly, wistfully repeated o'er
The words with which I sought to learn my fate.
"'Is life worth living, sweet, for me?'—
For you," she said, "life is as this red rose!"
She raised the rose and pressed it to her lips, And for awhile smiled down on it;
Thus, kissing it, she held it out to me.
The while her eyes did sweetly look in mine:
"Find here your fate," she said. "Fear not!"
And smiling still, was gone—left me the rose!
New York City, Mar.15,1908. Vivian M. Moses.

SCHIZANTHUS AND SWEET PEAS.

F all the many beautiful flowers we have raised from seeds, none gave us more pleasure than Schizanthus and Sweet

Peas. They were both experiments, too. I had a raised bed built on top of rocks. The soil was not more than a foot and a half deep, but it had been thoroughly enriched with well-rotted manure. I dug a trench about four inches deep, then I pressed each seed into the soil about half an inch, and covered



SCHIZANTHUS.

with soil, leaving the trench until the Peas were about six inches high. Then I took

manure that was so well rotted that it was as fine as wood's soil, and filled my trench. As they grew taller I hilled up around them, all the soil I could make stay in the hill. Notwithstanding that the summer was an unusually hot and dry one, and we were short of water, those Peas more than repaid me for my trouble. The Schizanthus



SWEET PEAS.

nearly dried up, but such lots of blossoms I cut and used with the Peas. They are lovely in a bouquet with Sweet Peas. Try them and see.

Mrs. F. E. G.

Littleton, N. H., Apr. 7, 1909.

Reviving a Rose.—My Rose was not doing well, so I used the following treatment, and it is now getting along lovely. I washed the leaves all over with ivory soap and hot water. Then I dipped each leaf in water as hot as I could use and not scald it. It killed everything that was hurtful, and I have had no trouble since.

Huntington Co., Pa., Mar. 14, 1909.

Begonias.—Begonias in variety are among the most satisfactory of house plants. I have two plant-stands filled with Begonias and seedling Gloxinias. My B. Diadema has eighteen leaves, the largest measuring fourteen inches across; it is greatly admired. B. Feast, a slip in the fall, is now, January 8th, a fine plant.

Mrs. B.

Cheshire Co., N. H., Jan. 8, 1909.

GRANDMOTHER TENDING HER FLOWERS.

Oh! dear are the scenes of my childhood,
That memory ever will keep,
And dear are the friends who are with us
In beautiful dreams as we sleep;
The farm and the garden and orchard,
The hill and the valley are ours,
And there by the door of the cottage
Is Grandmother tending her flowers.

How blue are the skies, and the brookside
Is green where the bull-rushes wave,
And there neath a low Weeping Willow,
Is Baby-boy's wee little grave;
A damask Rose blooms above it,
Made sweet by the sun and the showers,
But clearest of all in the picture,
Is Grandmother tending her flowers.

Oh, many the years since we wandered
Away from the home of our youth;
But memory ever is faithful,
Retaining its beauty and truth;
Our dear ones from earth have departed,
To roam in the Heavenly bowers,
And fair as the angels about her,
Is Grandmother tending her flowers.
Waverly, N.Y., Feb. 24, 1909. Ruth Raymond.

Seedling Geraniums.—Last spring I sowed a three-cent packet of mixed Geranium seeds, and raised twenty fine thrifty plants. Several have bloomed, and no two are alike, so far. The loveliest of all is a Pansy Geranium of a lovely scarlet, shaped like a Pansy blossom. It blooms nearly all the time, and money could not buy it.

Mrs. Mary McCardle.

Monroe, Ind., Mar. 8, 1909.

Aucuba.—I have an Ancuba Japonica or Gold Dust Tree three years old, which is nearly two feet tall, and very symmetrical in form of growth. The plant thrives in sunshine or shade, and should be kept quite damp. The foliage is of a glossy green, mottled and splashed with bright golden yellow, hence the name.

Mrs. C. S.

Delaware Co., N. Y., April 8, 1909.

Evergreen Honeysuckle.—The evergreen, everblooming Honeysuckle is a most desirable plant for Texas. The plant grows freely, is not troubled by insects, and its flowers are borne almost continuously in summer, and are deliciously scented. It is a fine porch or trellis vine, and also suitable for covering a wire fence or low building, the foliage being dense and attractive, and a fine setting for the fragrant flowers.

New Ulm, Tex.

Kaiserin Victoria Rose.—Mr. Editor: Several years ago you sent me among others a Kaiserin Victoria Rose. I have protected it in winter, and it has lived and borne many of its exquisite blooms every season. Its beauty cannot be over praised, and its hardiness is a very desirable characteristic. I do not think this Rose is advertised as it should be.

E. Harland Kelmer.

ABOUT MARIGOLDS.

ERSONS desiring a mass of glowing color as well as of varied form and marking, should plant a representative collection of Marigolds,

French and African varieties with the charming little edging sort, Tagetes signata pumila. African Marigolds are large, self-colored sorts, with both plain and frilled petals, varying in color from deepest orange to palest primrose yellow. A quilled form may be had in the same colors, that is very handsome; also one with large outer petals, with a rosette of smaller,



AFRICAN MARIGOLD. feathered petals in the center that is very effective in contrast with other sorts. The African Marigolds in their finest state of development grow to the size of a large teacup,

and present such an imposing appearance as to elicit exclamations of adoration, even from those who "don't like Marigolds".



The French Marigolds are smaller in size, but greatly admired for the

beauty of their variegations, and the depth and velvety texture of their colors. Both double and single forms are admirable, and the single sorts display eyes and blotches to great advantage. dwarf French Marigolds are admirable for edging garden walks, as the growth is very regular, and the fern-like foliage is thickly starred with the gem-like flowers.

For an edging to beds, however, the little

Tagetes signata pumila is best of all. The foliage is so densely produced and so fine and feathery in texture, that a dense mass is soon produced.



TAGETES SIGNATA PUMILA

which is thickly studded with the little starlike single flowers.

When moving the tall growing Marigolds from the seed beds to their permanent positions, set the plants as deeply in the earth as the length of stem will permit, and the necessity of staking will be avoided. By giving each plant abundant room, symmetrical wellbranched specimens will result. C. M. R.

Suffolk Co., N. Y., Mar. 8, 1909.

[Note.—In a warm, dry climate, where the soil is almost pure sand, all of the Marigolds grow and bloom admirably. In the sandy deserts of Colorado

I have seen the little native Marigold forming a mass of golden bloom, doing its full share in beau-tifying and brightening a landscape abounding in prickly Cactuses and unsightly weeds. And under cultivation with similar conditions I have seen the African and French Marigolds thrive equally as well.

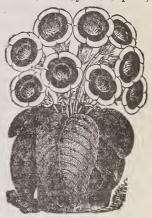
well.

In this connection I wish to speak of a little Marigold, sparingly known, of easy culture, and deliciously scented, as well as showy. It is Tagetes lucida. The plant grows less than a foot high, branching, and forming a rather globular clump, the flowers borne freely, single, and of a handsome soft yellow shade. I saw a bed of this handsome, fragrant Marigold in Germany last summer, and was pleased with its beauty and fragrance. I think my friends who try this rare sort will be delighted with it, and feel thankful that their attention was called to it in this note. It is readily grown from called to it in this note. It is readily grown from seeds.-Ed.7

GLOXINIAS AS HOUSE PLANTS.

AST year I had a Gloxinia that bore ten flowers at one time. They were pink,

mottled. All who saw it thought it a wonder. But wonders will never cease, for this year it threw up fifteen buds, and at this writing thirteen blossoms are out. I have one hundred plants, but my Gloxinias surpass all others. I have a blue one with twenty buds. Sisters, buy Gloxinias for



GLOXINIA

house plants. I am sure they will please you. Mrs. C. H. Hill.

Fowlerville, Mich., Feb. 20, 1909.

Repotting Callas. - Early in the spring—as early as convenient, I repot my Callas, using good, rich, well-rotted chip-dirt. My plants bloomed in October, and now, January 18th, they are in bud again. I find from experience that this is the best rest I can give Mrs. M. Henry. them.

Fulton Co., Ohio, Jan. 18, 1908.

Snapdragon. - Last spring I set a Snapdragon plant in a seven-inch pot. It grew four feet tall and was covered with flowers from August until December. The flowers were a bright rose bordered with cream. It was the loveliest plant I have ever seen .. Mollie Vanhoak.

Pulaski Co., Ky., Feb. 8, 1909.

Primula Obconica Grandiflora. —I would advise all who have a window garden to get a plant or two of Primula obconica grandiflora for winter blooming. Mine is pure white, with large fair flowers. the flowers have been out for a month.

Zillah E. Shuster. Mercer Co., N. J., Feb. 8, 1909.

TREATING A DOUBLE PETUNIA.

MR. EDITOR:

WILL TELL the readers of your Magazine, of my experience with a red and white variegated, double Petunia which I had a year ago. It was in a five-inch pot, spindling and ragged, as such plants will look when kept in the warm, dry air of the living room all winter. Some time in February I read an article on the kind of plants to put in the window for winter blooming. The Petunia was mentioned as one sure to bloom, and I determined I would make mine bloom or try pretty hard. I noticed that when I sprinkled my flowers the leaves of the Petunia would lose their wilted appearance for a while, so I thought it must need a more moist atmosphere. There was only one way I could give it, and

that was by saturating the foliage several times a day, taking care not to get the soil too wet, as it was not growing very fast. I used lukewarm water with less than a teaspoonful of ammonia to a quart of water. In one week it looked like another plant. The pale leaves changed to a dark green, and new shoots started till I had to tie them to little stakes. Then I fed it liquid fertilizer once a week, after it began growing good. By May it was a fine plant, just covered with buds. I put it out in the ground and gave

it shade for a few days. In a little while it covered a space a yard square, with so many fine blooms, spotted and blotched in so many different ways. It was a pretty sight, and a little odd, too. People who were passing by would often stop to look, and many would ask

what kind of flowers they were.

Olive Logsdon.

Linn Co., Missouri, March 9, 1909.

Aloe. I have a very fine specimen of Aloe, but it has never blossomed. The leaves are thick, heavy and dark, beautifully marked with white. Every year six or seven young plants come up from the old plant, but these are set in other dishes as they hinder the growth of the parent plant. The plant does Mrs. C. S. not require much water.

LEGEND OF THE WATER LILY.

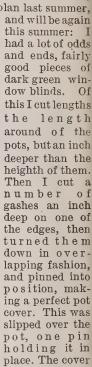
Sweet Water-Lilies, beautiful flowers, Fill with perfume the summer hours, Glistening white on the water lay, Opening their petals to greet the day.

Once a maiden most wonderous fair, With eyes of blue, and golden hair, Rowed on the lake at set of sun, Waiting for one who'll never come.

They saw her no more, but in that place The sweet Water-Lilies lift their face, And so the story runs, I'm told, That the maiden's spirit, the Lilies hold. Irma B. Matthews. Hastings, Mich.

COVERING FLOWER POTS.

S SUMMER approaches the question arises "How shall we protect our flower pots so the sun will not heat the roots". This was my plan last summer,



keeps the sun from striking the sides of the pot, looks cheerful and clean, obstructs the view of the soil, and allows the body of the plant to get air all around. Mrs.R.Winter. Hamilton Co., O., April 9, 1909.

Bedding Amaryllis in Summer.—

I saw in the Magazine that it was a good thing to bed Amaryllis Johnsonii out in summer. I have one that is eight or nine years old and did not bloom, so I bedded it out last summer, and it now has a stalk with three buds. Another stalk has just been cut off that had three on it. Is it unusual for a bulb to produce more than one flower stalk?

Mrs. Anna E. Davis. Pleasant Valley, Mass., Mar. 5, 1909.



A MOUNTAIN TRIP.

Dear Floral Friends:-In the summer of 1907, in company with a number of others, I enjoyed a trip into the high Sierras. Packing on horses the articles most needed for camping, we start on horse-back from Jack Flat. The first morning we went past a saw-mill, then up a skid road used for sending the monster Redwood logs to the mill. Donkey engines were used to pull the logs up the mountains to the skid road, and once on this road it is but a few minutes till they are at the mill. Going over this road my horse fell, rolling over on me, but luckily I escaped being hurt. There are numerous small Redwood trees taking the place of those being cut out, but it will be many a year before they will be as large.

From the mill we went to Redwood meadow. It should be called Tiger Lily meadow, as it is covered with Tiger Lilies. A stream of water runs through it, and two large Redwoods stand in the center. We thought there could not be a more beautiful place than this, but had to change our minds before we had gone very Up mountains, down deep canyons, rocky streams, through meadows over rocky streams, through meadows covered with green grass and Lilies, Dais-ies and all kinds of flowers new to us; we rode, walked, talked, laughed and enjoyed ourselves, leaving all care and trouble be-

The grandest sight for me the second day out, was the first snow we had seen. Standing in the snow we could look down into Peck canyon, with its beautiful meadows, flowers, and two lovely lakes. The only timber growing on this mountain was Tamarack, while looking back over where we had come were high peaks covered with Fir, Redwood and Pine. After a short rest we went down to Peck canyon, pitched our tent, turned our horses on the meadow, and proceeded to thoroughly enjoy ourselves. We found frost every morning, and wraps were very comfortable mornings and evenings. There were fish in the lakes; the men caught many of them. Some of the men killed a deer, Taking it all in consideratalight mary of them. Some of the men killed a deer, Taking it all in consideration, it was the most pleasant time I ever had. The only thing I regretted, my husband and I had to leave the party and return home. We had stayed a week, then returned, bringing with us many flowers and Fir, Redwood and Pine trees; but they care did of homosicitators. I have seen soon died of home-sickness. I have seen many beautiful flowers, but never have I seen any to compare with those I saw while in the mountains. God knows more how to arrange them to be admired, and where to put them, also. It is strange how any one can doubt there being a Supreme Being, after going over such grand places, where only God reigns. M. E. Tulare Co., Cal., Mar. 5, 1909.

QUESTION.

Imperfect Rose. — I have had an American Beauty Rose for three years, and it has not developed a perfect flower. It has many buds, but they seem to blight, and do not open perfectly. How should I treat it?—M. V., Okla., April 10, 1909.

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QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Buttercup Oxalis. - My Bermuda Buttercup Oxalis has bloomed all winter, and has some small bulbs. What shall I do with them?

Mrs. H. Van L. Mrs. H. Van L.

Freemansburg, Pa., Apr. 8, 1909.
Ans.—Keep the bulbs dry and cool till August, then repot them. Even small bulbs will often make fine blooming plants.—Ed.

Red Squirrels. — I think the red squirrels are among the worst of bird enemies. They can go to any part of the trees where the birds build, and rob the nests of eggs or young. They should be destroyed, if we wish to save the song-birds from extinction.

Clifford Logan.

Ada, Minn., April, 7, 1909.

MAGAZINE APPRECIATED.

Mr. Park: - I have been reading your Floral Magazine for quite a while, and it has given me great pleasure as well as help with my plants. I love flowers, and nothing gives me more enjoyment than working with them and watching them grow.

Olive Logsdon. Brookfield, Mo., Mar. 9, 1909.

The Glorious Canna Robusta.



HE EASIEST GROWN, most vigorous and beautiful of all the foliage Cannas is Canna Robusta. The foliage is a rich bronzy red, and the plants frequently attain the height of eight feet, surmounted by a spike of graceful, dazzling scarlet flowers. Anybody can grow this grand Canna, and to encourage its culture I offer fine roots at 50 cents per dozen, or three dozen for \$1.00, mailed, postpaid. Or, I will send 100 splendid big roots by express, not prepaid, for \$2.00, or 300 roots for \$5.00, by express or freight, not prepaid.

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bust-growing sort for central planting.

No. 2. Alphonse Bouvier, 5 feet, dark crimson, large flowers in clusters; green foliage; beautiful.

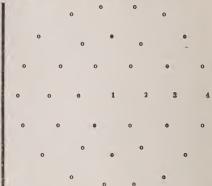
No. 3. Colette Rochaine, 4½ feet, deep

orange - scarlet, immense, well-branched trusses; handsome.

No. 4. Gladiator, 4 feet, bright yellow, very thickly spotted with crimson; enormous trusses; splendid.

You will make no mistake in ordering this fine bed of Cannas. I send the 37 tubers for the bed for only \$2.00. Plant in a sunny, rich bed, and keep well watered, and you will have a gorgeous array of foliage and bloom. Order this month.

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MONTBRETIAS.

10 CHOICE NAMED DWARF GLADIOLUS. Ardens, fiery scarlet, pink flakes. 5 Boieldieu, carmine-red, showy. 5 Delicatissina, light rose, spotted white 5 Duchesse de Parma, rose, spotted, white eye. 5 Luneretia, large white, edged red 5 Lynex, dark violet, late, fine 5 Mina, light salmon red, spotted 5 Peach Blossom, rosy blush, extra 5 Sappho, light violet, spotted 5 Stephanie Endlicher, buff, spotted 5

| 10 CHOICE NAMED MONTBRETIAS. |
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| Aurea, fine golden yellow |
| Bouquet Parfait, vermillion, yellow eye. 5 Etoile de Feu, brilliant scarlet. 5 |
| Tigridia, yellow with red eye 5 Rosea, fine rose-color, spotted 5 |
| Sulphurea, sulphur, shaded yellow 5 |
| Pyramidalis, salmony apricot. 5 Germania, golden orange. 5 |
| Pottsii-grandiflora, orange, flushed yellow 5 |
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Beaute Poittevine, orange-salmon; excellent grower, and free-bloomer; both flowers and trusses immense; one of the best.

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bear the hottest sun; unsurpassed. Marquis de Castellaine, Cherry-red; grows well, and bears very large, beautiful trusses; a splendid sort.

Mme. Jaulin, white with pink centre; of dwarf, robust growth; bears splendid trusses in abundance; very beautiful.

Trego, rich scarlet; a fine bedding sort; very beautiful.

Mme. Buchner, snow-white; strong grower, fluted, slightly zoned foliage; extra large trusses in abundance; the best white bedder.

Double Gen. Grant, orange scarlet; blooms freely, and is prized for bedding. Duc de Montmort, deep carmine purple; grows well, deeply zoned foliage;

very profuse bloomer.
A. Nutt, dark Nutt, dark crimson; compact, branching habit; trusses massive, and flowers of perfect shape; one of the very

best either for pots or beds.

Francis Perkins., rich, bright pink; extra strong grower and bloomer; flowers large, in immense trusses; the best of pink Geraniums for either beds or pots.

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blooming and good bedding.

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Abutilon in variety Acacia in variety Achillea Ptarmica Achyranthus, new carmine Emersoni

Ageratum, white Alternanthera, red Brilliantissima Alstroemeria aurantiaca Anthemis Nobilis Anthericum Liliastrum Artichoke, Jerusalem

Note.—I have fine tubers of this plant, which is beau-tiful when in bloom; grows eight feet high, tree-like, and covered with golden bloom late in the season; each plant produces a mass of tubers that are prized for pickling. Tubers 20 cts. per lb., \$1.00 per peck; \$3.00 per bushel.



Asparagus Sprengeri Plumosus nanus Decumbens Ampelopsis Veitchi Arum Italicum Cornutum Aubrietia purpurea Arabis Alpina Bauhinia purpurea

NOTE .- This is a very beautiful tropical tree that blooms while small. The flowers are in clusters, and not unlike a large Azalea flower, pink with dark blotches. It blooms for three months or more. At the north it must be grown in pots, as it will not en-dure much frost.

Begonia Decorus Fuchsioides Feasti Argentea guttata Weltoniensis cut-leaf Evansiana

Note.-B. Evansiana is a lovely tuberous Begonia, hardy out-doors in this lo-cality under slight protec-tion. Its foliage is lovely, and its masses of rosy clusters of bloom are attractive and beautiful. The tops die in autumn, but the new growth appears early in spring. A fine pot and bedding plant. Bignonia Tweediana Boston Smilax Bryophyllum calycinum Cactus, Queen of Night

Campanula in variety

Camphor Tree Canna variegata Carex Japonica



Carnation, Margaret, pink White Vellow Chlidanthus fragrans Cineraria Maritima Hybrida Cissus Heterophyllus Clematis paniculata

Clianthus puniceus Coboea Scandens

Coleus Beckwith Booker Washington Christmas gem Fire Brand Verschaffeltii Cordylina indivisa Crassula cordata Spatulata ryptostemma lusitanica Cuphea platycentra



Cyclamen in variety Cyperus alternifolius Daisy, Shasta, Alaska California Westralia

Daisy, Snowflake Delicata Longfellow Delphinium in variety Dielytra spectabilis Eximia

Digitalis purpurea Eranthemum pulchellum Erythrina crista galli Eucalyptus Globosus Eucomis punctata

NOTE. — Eucomis punc- most everblooming and tata is a fine tuberous plant everbearing.

of the Lily family. It has elegant radical foliage, and the throws up a strong spike, Heterocentron album often two feet high, which becomes a wreathe of fra- Hibscus in variety grant, greenish yellow Honeysuckle, Halls Hardy bloom.

Functorium ringrium Eupatorium riparium

Euphorbia splendens Fern, Pierson Plume Boston Compacta Scotti

Tarrytown Ferraria, red White Yellow

Ficus repens

Ovata

NOTE.—A clump of the Ferrarias always shows a few blooms, large, rich-col-ored, and beautiful. The bulbs are cared for just like Gladiolus.

Fuchsia, Black Prince Little Prince E. G. Hill Arabella Silver King Glorie des Marches Speciosa Trailing Queen Chas. Blanc Rosains Patri Fulgens Funkia subcordata Undulata variegata

NOTE. - Funkia undulahardy edging, showy till autumn; foliage distinctly striped white, dense and showy; flowers bell-shaped, on tall stems.

Gaillardia grandiflora



Geranium, double, variety Single in variety Ivy-leaf in variety

Note. — I ask attention to the special offer of choice Double Geraniums on an-other page. I hope my friends will all order a few of these superb Geraniums, either for pots or beds. The flowers are large, clusters immense and the plants wonderfully free-blooming. Gerbera Jamesoni Grevillea robusta Guava

Guava

Nore.—The Guava is one of the choicest of tropical fruits, being dwarf in habit, and having a flavor midway between a peach and a strawberry. The flowers are white, in clusters, and the fruits oblong, about the size of a large peach. It is one of the best for pot culture, and is alucalyptus Globosus
ucomis punctata
NOTE — Eucomis puncmost everblooming and

Hova Carnosa



Hemerocalis Sieboldii Dumortieri Thunbergii Flava Fulva

Note. H. Dumortieri grows a foot high, bearing clusters of orange flowers in great abundance. It is in great abundance. It is a superb border plant, perfectly hardy, and beautiful in both foliage and flower. H. flava is the Lemon Lily, growing two feet high, and bearing lovely yellow, scented bloom a little later in the season. Still later comes H. Thunbergii with flowers like Lemon Lily, but borne on taller stems. Impatiens Sultani

Ĥolsti Iris, Florentina white Blue Purple

Kaempferi Leopold II Queen of Blues Glorie de Rotterdam Kermesinianum Siberica atro-purpurea Germanica

Pseudo-acorus, yellow

Pseudo-acorus, yellow NoTE.-Iris pseudo-acorus is a robust sort delighting in a boggy place, or along a stream. It grows three or four feet high, and has exquisite, rich yellow flow-ers; beautiful.

Ivy, English, greenleaved Variegated-leaved Irish or Parlor Jasmine in variety

Jerusalem Cherry Justicia sanguinea Velutina

Kenilworth Ivy Kudzu Vine



Lantana, Weeping In variety. Lavatera arborea Lavender

Note. — Lavender is a hardy, richly-scented herb, bearing purple bloom; when cut and dried and placed among furs or clothing it is an excellent moth preventive, and affords a delightful perfume as well. Leucanthemum Maximum Lily of the Valley, German

Dutch Linum Perenne Lopesia rosea

Lysimachia, Moneywort Mackaya Bella Madeira Vine

Note .- Madeira Vine is a rapid grower, has massive, beautiful foliage, and in autumn is covered with racemes of lovely white, odorous flowers. Will grow 15 feet high, has no enemies, and admirable for a screen or shade.

Malva Moschata Manettia bicolor Mesembryanthemum grand Mexican Primrose Moon Flower Myosotis, Lone Star Alpestris Nasturtium, Double yel.

Nepeta, Catnip Nicotiana affinis Sylvestris Sanderi Oenothera Frazerii Oxalis Bowii Buttercup Rosea

Note.-Oxalis rosea is a splendid edging for beds or borders. It grows six inches high, is dense and graceful, and is decorated inches high, is dense and graceful, and is decorated throughout summer and autumn with big rosy clusters of bloom. For edging I can supply the bulbs at 50 cents per hundred, or \$1 for 250 bulbs.

Palm, Phœnix Tenus Phœnix canariensis Pritchardia filamentosa Brahea filamentosa Pardanthus Chinensis Peperomia maculosa Perennial Pea, Pink, Red,

White Phalaris, ribbon-grass Physalis Francheti Physianthus albens Pilea Muscosa Platycodon, White Blue

Polygonum maltiflorum Poppy, Perennial Primula Forbesi

rimula Forbesi
Stellata Pyramidalis
Chinensis Mallow Leaf
Floribunda, yellow
Obconica, white, rose, red
Pyrethrum,-Hardy Cosmos
Rocket, Sweet, Violet
White
Rose Seven Sister

Rose, Seven Sisters Mary Washington



Rudbeckia Golden Glow Bicolor Ruellia Makoyana Russelia elegantissima Juncea Sage, English Sauseveria Zeylanica Saponaria ocymoides Saxifraga peltata Sarmentosa



Salvia Prætensis, hardy Coccinea splendens Patens, blue Rutilans Robusta Roemerianum Sedum acre Selaginella, moss-like Silene orientalis

Solanum grandiflorum Rantonetti Spartium junceum Spirea Filipendula

Japonica Gladstone Palmata elegans Venusta

Stokesia Cyanea Strobilanthes anisophyllus Surinam Cherry

Note. - The Cherry is a new Japanese fruit of easy culture in pots. The foliage is rich glossy green, evergreen, and quite dense. The flowers are white, in clusters, very freely produced. The cherries are as large as the largest Ox-hearts, rich scarlet in color, and are excellent for jelly, pies, preserves, etc. The tree is dwarf and compact, and blooms and bears throughout summer. Pot plant.



Sweet William Thalictrum adiantifolium Thunbergia grandiflora Tradescantia Zebrina



Tricyrtus Hirta Tritoma Carolina McOwani Trollius, Thos. Ware Tropaeolum tuberosum Umbrella Tree Veronica longiflora Vinca Minor, hardy Vinca rosea Rosea alba Nova species Viola, Marie Louise

Yucca filamentosa

Hardy Shrubs. Abelia rupestris Aralia pentaphylla Benzoin odoriferum



Berberis Thunbergii

Berberis Thunbergii

NOTE. — Berberis Thunbergii is the best hedgeplant known. It grows quickly, is naturally dense and bushy, requires hardly any pruning, and is a close, effectual barrier. It is a fine nesting shrub for the little song-sparrows, as cats and English sparrows acats and English sparrows do not care to penetrate the dense spiny growth.

Hardy Trees.

Alianthus glandulosa American Elm

NOTE. — The American Linden is a good shade tree, blooming in mid-summer, the flowers hanging in clusters, yellow, fra-agrant, and a feast for honot care to penetrate the dense spiny growth. Surinam dense spiny growth.



Capreolata Calycanthus floridus Coral Berry Cytisus Laburnum Deutzia gracilis Pride of Rochester Euonymus Americana Japonica Exochorda grandiflora Forsythia Viridissima Suspensa (Sieboldii) Hamamelis Virginiana Hydrangea arborescens Hypericum Moserianum Kerria Japonica Lilac, common Philadelphus, Mock Orange Rhus aromatica Robinia hispida



Sambucus Canadensis

Note.-Sambucus Canadensis is the Elderberry. It is a handsome shrub,

Waliflower, Ne plus ultra fine for jelly, jam and ples. Watsonia, an elegant bulb-The berries are scalded and ous flower; treat as a drained before using, to get the best results.



Spirea Anthony Waterer Reevesii Callosa alba Symphoricapus racemosa Weigela rosea Variegata

Note. — This is the American Pawpaw, which has lovely chocolate flowhas lovely ers, and in autumn a sweet handsome green fruit, that tastes somewhat like a banana. The tree has lovely foliage, and is ornamental and easily grown. California Privet Carolina Poplar Catalpa Kæmpferi Cladrastis tinctoria

NOTE .- Cladrastis tinctoria is a beautiful flowering tree. Hardy south, but needs protection north of Pennsylvania. It grows quickly, and is very atespecially ractive, when blooming.

Cercis Canadensis Cork Elm Cornus floridus Ilex opaca Magnolia acuminata Tripetala

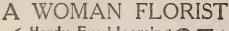
Ligustrum Ibotum Morus Tartarica Oxydendrum arbores Paulownia Imperialis

Note. — Paulownia imperialis is a grand tree from Japan. It has semi-tropical foliage, and big panicles of purple bloom in spring. It is hardy in in spring. It is hardy in Pennsylvania, and a fine shade tree. Pavia flava

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Bolton Landing, N. Y., Mar. 1, 1909.

Mr. Park:—I enjoy your Floral Magazine better than any other I take, and I take several. Mrs. A. R. Walker. Tustin, Mich., Mar. 15, 1909.

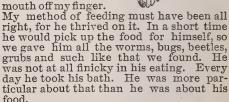
LITTLE BOY BLUE.

Ever since I was a wee bit of a girl and first heard the bluejays calling in the woods, and picked up the beautiful blue feathers which they had lost, I wanted a bluejay for a pet. You can easily imagine bluejay for a pet. You can easily imagine how glad I was when, in the summer of 1898, a pair of jays built their nest in an apple tree within fifty feet of our house.

On the 25th of June, the little birds flut-tered out of the nest. One was very small, compared with the others, and could not lift itself from the ground. Here was my opportunity. I picked the little fellow up and decided to try my hand at raising him. Don't ask me the number of worms he ate. He was fed about every thirty minutes. Didn't my back often ache digging those worms! He was worth it, however. For the first few days I kept him in a box about 15x8x8 inches with slatted sides. The bottom of his box was covered with paper which was changed every morning and frequently twice a day. As soon as he was able to fly a little, I put him out in a little house that had been the home of a pigeon. As soon as he could fly well, which was in about two weeks, he was given entire liberty to go wherever he pleased.

Now for the way I fed him. He was very shy at first; and, if I didn't get the worm dropped into his

mouth as soon as he opened it, he would not open it again; frequently I opened his mouth and put the worm in. As digging worms was such hard work, I often gave him bread dipped in milk, the white of hard-boiled egg, or cottage cheese. (We always call cottage cheese by its Penn-sylvania German name, but I never saw it spelled so I will not use it; Every day, nearly, I gave him four or five little stones; and I would drop a little water into his



When he was able to take care of himself and was given his liberty, our enjoyment began. He stayed around the house nearly all the time. If he saw anything which pleased him, he watched until he saw his oportunity, then there was a flash of blue and the thing was gone; if it did not suit his taste, he dropped it. One morning I was washing dishes at a table on the porch. Little Boy Blue wanted my soap, so did I; he was the quicker, and, as



it was a small enough piece for him to carry, he got it. Out he went to his favorite limb on the maple tree. I followed, and arrived in time to see him take the first bite, he did not take a second, I secured my soap and left a very disgustedlooking little bird wiping his bill on the bark of the tree.

All during the summer we used our porch as a dining-room. Little Boy Blue enjoyed that, for sugar, fried potatoes and butter were the three things he liked best to eat. Unless we kept them covered, he got what he wanted, too. He was so quick he would snatch a piece and be gone be-

fore one knew he was near.

Nearly every day I went to the field for vegetables for dinner, Little Boy Blue always went with me, he would sit on the edge of my basket and sample whatever I put into it. Green corn pleased him best. Sometimes, Dick, my cat, went with us. I never had to watch to see that he didn't touch the bird. Though we had seven cats, none of them ever harmed the bird, or, as far as we know, ever tried to. He teased them often, though. They never seemed to resent it, but would get out of his way. He was without fear, seemingly. Perhaps that was why they never offered to hurt him.

During September I went away for a week's visit. I had not been gone three days till I received a letter from my sister telling me that Little Boy Blue was hunt-ing me. The day I went home he had gone to the little village which is our post-The doctor's wife coaxed him into her kitchen and caught him. The butcher told me he had been trying for an hour to catch that bird, and I would never have gotten him again if he had caught him. Well, he didn't catch him. I took him on home with me, between two and three miles away, and let him out of his prison. The folks told me how he had been to the village about the same distance away on the other side of my home. One man there got his gun to shoot the strange bird but, concluding it was someone's pet, did not do so. I would have felt like murdering him if he had shot him.

As the wild jays began flocking southward, Little Boy Blue became more restless. Often, when he heard them calling, he would answer them and go to them; but all I had to do was to call "Little Boy Blue", and he would come back. It was near the last of October when he finally left us. I mean when he left us to go south with his wild relations. He came back every summer until 1902. At least we always thought it was Little Boy Blue. 1902, the last time, an old jay brought four young ones to a peach tree within twenty feet of the house. Who could it have been but Little Boy Blue? No jay, so far as we knew, had a nest near the house.

Little Boy Blue taught us several things. Among them, that he was a capitol mimic and ventriloquist and a most beautiful the jay does sing. I wish they might hear one. Ernest Thompson Seton speaks of the jay's singing in the story of "Red Ruff, the Don Valley Partridge", as "the sweetest fairyland music". That describes it better than I can. Another thing we

learned about the jay is that he eats hairy caterpillars. The people in our neighborhood learned something too. Many of them learned what a bluejay was; some didn't know we had such a bird, and bluejays as plentiful as robins!

Jamison, Pa. Miss Lillian M.Bullock.

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Roses for the christening service, Roses the bride's path bestrew, In the hands of our dead we place Roses, They enrich our lives all the way through. Hulda Hatfield. Hatfield, Ky., Apr. 9, 1909.

QUESTION.

Pæonies. — What ails my Pæonies.
They grow all right and get buds, but the buds hardly ever open. They seem to dry up before they are filled out.
Rochester, N. Y. Mrs. G. L. B.

New Soil .- Will someone give their experience growing flowers in new soil?-Mrs. V. A. W., Okla., Apr. 17, 1909.

Fern.—A friend of mine has a lovely Fern that lives on the moisture in the air, and requires no earth. What is its name?—N. S. Waskey, Md., Mar. 26, 1909.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 12 years old, and live at home. I have three Bantams and about 20 Cornish Indian Game chickens. I love the Carnation, but cannot keep it over winter on account of the green lice. My mother has some Cinerarias and the lice are at them. I guess they will die. Can you tell us of a cure?

(Cure.—Dip the infested plants in tobacco tea as hot as the hand will bear; then chop up tobacco stems and place upon the soil about the plants. If you have tobacco leaves they may be placed over the troubled foliage for a day or two at a time, and will be found preferable to the tobacco tea for plants with hairy leaves. Avoid keeping the leaves upon the foliage for more than two days, as they preclude air and light. Repeated applications can be made at intervals of four or five days, until the pest is eradicated.—Ed 1 [Cure.—Dip the infested plants in tobacco tea Ed.

A pair of Golden Robins once built a

nest in a big tree behind our house, and in winter, when the ice was heavy on the trees, it bent the limbs down, and we could get the nest. It was about a foot long, and a blue string was entwined in it, and bound it to the limb. I



GOLDEN ROBIN NEST. visited your greenhouse once, and it was filled with nothing but pretty flowers. My mother has taken your Magazine ever since I can remember.

John K. Stoltfus. Lancaster Co., Penn., Jan. 4, 1909.

Dear Mr. Pak:—I am 11 years old, and live in Pittsburg. I just love flowers, and we get your Magazine year after year. I look first for the pictures of flowers, then for short stories and children's letters. I go to school every day.

Adelaide Leonette. Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 5, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 11 years old and live in the country. We all love flowers, and try to have some every summer. I have a Wandering Jew, an Ice plant and a few Pansies for house plants.

Vera Palmer. Orofine, Idaho.

Dear Mr. Park: - I am 14, and go to school in the little brick schoolhouse. I live on a big farm, and think it the grandest place there is. I have many pets, but like best my cow and pigeons. I love the birds and flowers, and would like to raise flowers as you do. Grace Anderson. Titusville, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little farm girl of 12 years, and have two pet rabbits and four bantams. We have two horses, two cows and some sheep. Will some little girls write to me.—Grace Davis. Kilgore, O., Jan. 13, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:-I am 12 years old, and have been going to school six years. I have a pet dog named Toodles, after one of Alice Longworth's dogs. Mamma has taken your Magazine for six years. We could not get along without it. I like the Children's Corner best of all.

Ida C. Barth.

Mattawan, Pa., Jan. 3, 1909.

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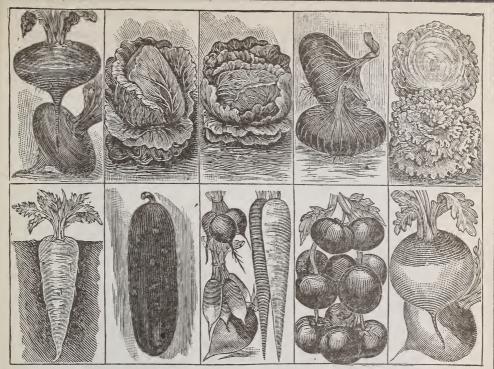
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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:--I am a little girl of eleven, and we live on a farm. I go a quarter of a mile to school and church. I love to read the children's corner. I have no favorite flowers, for I like them

all.-Elsie Fugate, Hickory Co., Mo.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 13 years old, and in the 8th grade at school. My favorite flowers are Roses and Pansies. Mamma has taken your Magazine for six years, and we can hardly wait till it comes. We enjoy the Editor's letters. I would like to correspond with some of the little girls.—Josephine Ulrich, Milton, Pa., 633 Cleveland Ave.

Dear Mr. Park:— I am a little boy, and am much interested in flowers, especially tropical fruit. I have an Orange tree and two Lemon trees, a Date tree and a Century Plant. The Century Plant did well till the rats began gnawing the stickers off of the young leaves. I have two kinds of Cactuses, one flat-leaved, and the other a funny little Cactus with one leaf growing out of another, and then another leaf out of it. I would like a Cocoanut Palm tree. I like your Magazine, and wish to get up a club and get the little Swiss clock. I was 12 years old the first of this month.—Burgess Sharp, Knox Co., Ohio, Dec. 28, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park:-I am another of your bird-loving friends, and we have two doves and a canary for pets. We do not have any cats, and would not have one on the place. I do not see why anyone would prefer that sly, treacherous animal to the sweet-singing birds. And anyone so selfish as to deny the birds their portion of the fruit, saved by them from the insects, does not deserve to have fruit. I am 13 years old, and here is some of my poetry:

THE SEASONS.

First comes the lovely springtime, with leaves and blossoms fair; And sweet and gentle zephyrs That shake the flowers there.

Then, next, the glorious summer, With rich and verdant trees, Where robins, larks and bluebirds, Make charming melodies.

Then comes the autumn beauty, 'The gold and crimson leaves, The acorns, brown and shining, And grain in golden sheaves.

Succeeding this, old winter Shakes out his snowflakes white, And shining crystal icicles Make up a glorious sight. Ida E. Williams.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 10, and am in the fifth grade at school. Mamma gives us music lessons on the piano at home. Mamma has some lovely Chrysanthemums and other flowers. I love flowers and help her take care of them. Neil D. Thomas. Comerton, O.

Dear Mr. Park:-We have been getting your Magazine for several years, and enjoy it. We live on a farm, and have many joy it. We live on a farm, and have many pets. I have two pet sheep which I like very much. I also have two dolls and a big plush teddy bear. Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

Ruby R. Yothers. I have received many other interesting letters from my dear little friends, but they are not inserted, as I cannot find room for all. -Editor.





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AN UNCANNY BEDIELLOW.

Under the above caption a contributor to the Ladies' Home Journal relates her

experience with her pet cat as follows:

"I wonder that I dare express views contrary to those of so wise a physician as Dr. Tomlinson, of Chicago, who, when questioned by anxious mothers in Babyhood, whether puss is a fit bedfellow ror baby, says: "What good do you suppose it would do a cat to draw into its lungs breath which a human being had just exhaled?" but an experience with one of these uncanny breath which a human being had just exhaled?" but an experience with one of these uncanny bedfellows when twelve years of age, leads me, not only to differ in opinion from that of the doctor, but to fearlessly express the same, lest some young mother may place too much confidence in her little child's pet—a cat.

Until this experience, I dearly loved pussies, big cats and little cats. From babyhood, I always had a pet kitty who shared my heart and dinner and bed—if mother would allow it, or if my sly, purring pussy could by cunning strategem segure

and bed-if mother would allow it, or if my sly, purring pussy could by cunning strategem secure warm night quarters with me.

One cat I especially loved. She seemed almost human in her understanding and expressions of affection and sly wit. There were those in the home who dubbed her "that old jade," because of her cunning in unlatching doors and gaining

forbidden places and food.

Mother did not allow her in the house after bedtime, but many a night she would stealthily come creeping out at midnight from some hiding place in my bedroom, and with loud, happy purring, smuggle under the blankets in her best

resting place.

resting place.

If I had been told that that tame, loving old pussy-cat would sometime attempt my life, I pussy-cat would sometime attempt my life, I much and she loved me so well, many times, she would bring the choicest half of a fat mouse which she was devouring, lay it at my feet and look up as though saying: "See here! I have saved the best for you."

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When I had refused her tid-bit and praised her for being so generous, she would finish her din-

ner with contented licks and purrs.

One midnight, she woke me creeping into the bed. I guiltily tucked her in under the coverlet knowing I ought to put the cat out-of-doors, but instead, I soon fell asleep. How long I slept I do not know; I only know that I woke gasping for breath and with a sharp prickle of pain on my lips. I shall always think that the sharp sting of that of the closely clayed in which that the sharp sting of that old cat's claws on my mouth was what saved me that night. I think I was nearly suffocated when I was aroused from the heavy sleep of

when I was aroused from the heavy sleep of healthy childhood.

In the dim light, I could see my old cat crouched on my breast, her ears laid back, her eyes flashing with yellow fire, and her tail fiercely lashing as though on the spring for prey. Her nose and mouth were pressed close to my nostrils, while she sucked my breath with fierce, greedy eagerness. She sucked faster than my breaths came—great, strong, gulping sucks that even, after all these long years, I remember with vividness and horror. That no breath might cross my lips, she had sealed my mouth with her two paws; heavy, sharp, desperately firm, they were pressed on my closed lips. I gasped and struggled, but not one breath could I get. I tried to push her away, to lift my head, but I could not. I was a strong, twelve years' old girl, and at last in convulsive agony, I struck her so hard she lost her grip on my face, and she slunk away, an evil, uncanny, black imp.

Her life was short after that, but no cat has ever been my bedfellow since that dreadful night. healthy childhood.

ever been my bedfellow since that dreadful night. The proverbial "man under the bed" that nerv-

The proverbial "man under the bed" that nervous people look after every night of their lives, with me is a crouching, evil-eyed cat; and at bedtime I never fail to look for her.

No possible chance for life could any baby have, if a cat should take their breath as mine tractelier. I do not think I beaven. was taken. I do not think I have ever put one of my little ones down to sleep, but I have made sure no cat was in the room, unless I could sit near baby through her nap. A playful, half-grown kitten I did not fear to leave curled asleep

on baby's crib, till one day I found it crouching on her stomach, scenting the sleeping child's breath with quick, eager sniffs and a look in his

eyes I did not like.

If I needed more to convince me that cats are evil, treacherous, uncanny, I have it in the remembrance of two terror-filled nights when I membrance of two terror-filled nights when I watched with a corpse. Of the unearthly sounds about the house that came from clamoring, watching, keen-scenting cats: cats on the window ledges, thrusting their black, grasping, hooking paws through the inch space that had been left for air: cats in the cellar, rubbing their cates in the cellar, rubbing their cates with the heaves above eager, slinking bodies against the beams above which the still white form lay; and cats, thirsty,

which the still white form lay; and cats, unrsty, lapping, purring, dodging cats at every door. It may be a foolish thought, but when I hear of some feeble person who has been found in their bed with life extinct, and the sad providence is ascribed to "heart disease", I remember with a shudder, my midnight, feline visitor, and wonder if a cat had not been in the sleeper's room some hour of the previous night."

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CATS AND BIRDS.

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see in such a store. Nothing could induce me to wear one of the poor little slaughtered beauties. The way men and boys are killing God's creatures there will not be any chance for the lion and lamb to lie down together, for the man would kill the lion and eat the amb. I've six cats, and

haven't seen them kill a bird. I feed them well three times a day, and they are satisfied, playful pets. If people would feed their cats well, men and boys stop killing birds, and women refuse to wear them on their hats there would soon be plenty of birds, in spite of the cats.

Mrs. Ella Groom.

ElPaso Co., Col., Feb. 10, 1909.

[Note.—The fat, sleek house cat that keeps its place on the rug by the fire, and does not roam the fields or climb the trees in search of birds, is a source of pleasure and admiration. Such cats do good rather than harm, and I love to smooth their fur and hear them purr. But the bird-cat—the one ever alert to destroy birds, and which statistics of close observers say destroy 50 birds. statistics of close observers say destroy 50 birds on an average every year—these are the cats I would eradicate. The farmer puts the sheep-dog out of the way as soon as known. The bird-cat should be treated likewise.—Ed.]

Mr. Park:—If any of the cat-loving people had my experience they would soon want to get rid of the pest. I have a nice garden of flowers and vegetables, but the cats try my patience sorely. Every night they hold their carnival right in the beds, even eating the leaves off of the flags, and digging holes in the rows where the seeds come up. I wish I knew how to get rid of Mrs. A. Staffalgen. them all!

Fredericksburg, Va., April 6, 1009.

Oh, That Horrid Bird-Cat! - Its tongue hangs out, its teeth are sharpened, and its very breath means destruction to the dear little song-birds that come within its reach. Its heart is as black as its picture, and nothing will cleanse it but a long



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Dear Mr. Park:-We do not keep cats, but last year a neighbor's cat robbed a robin's nest near our house. The sly, sneaking thief came in the morning, just as it was beginning to get light, and robbed the nest before I could reach her. Instead of cats we keep two small terriers that keep down the rats about our place. We are very fond of birds, although they do eat our cherries. In eight years we have been able to gather only ten quarts of cherries from our trees. The birds got the rest, but we did not fuss about it, or begrudge the birds their cherry feast, for we have the pleasure of hearing them sing.

Lizzie B. Deiaher. Berks Co., Pa., Feb. 21, 1909.

[Note.-I believe nine-tenths of the bird-killing by cats is done at night and about day-break in the morning. Those who have cats, should by all means, keep them in during night and early morning, while the song-birds are with us. To keep birds from cherries, place a stuffed cat in the tree, or tie a live one among the branches with a board and a rug for its comfort, and the birds will not come near. The same "scare-crow" will prevent birds from visiting the strawberry or small-fruit bed, and the vegetable garden. A live cat is one of the most effective of "scare-crows".—Ed.]

Mr. Park:-I do think cats are a pest. I will not keep one on the place, as I care far more for the birds, which cheer us with their songs, and destroy our insect enemies. Boys with guns are equally as bad as cats for destroying birds. I am trying to teach my boy to protect the birds, instead of destroying them. Mrs. B. B. St. James, Mo., Feb. 8, 1909.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Tuberous Begonias .- Mr. Park:- I wish every reader of your Floral Magazine could learn of the Tuberous Begonias before trying other tubers and bulbs that are sure to be a sad disappointment in the hands of new beginners. Mine are beauties, and people ask me for slips. I tell them the tubers are sold so cheap it would not pay to raise them. I shall send in a large order for the tubers the coming season.

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Fairfield Co., O., Dec. 9, 1908. J. M. Swain.

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Martha Johnson.

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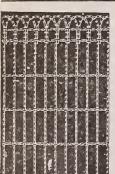
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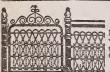
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And thought they all loved him, sure,
From Mary Gold with her sunburned head,
To Lily with heart so pure.

But Daisy held her head so high, And looked him so straight in the eye, That he thought it better policy To pass her gently by. Pansy bowed her head as he passed, Poppy her leaves let fall, Nasturtium hid behind a leaf

Four-o'clock had her door shut tight,
Morning-glory the same,
Larkspur's home looked very small,
And Fox-glove seemed too tame.
Next came Squash-vine's spacious house,
With its cup so nice and deep,
In it he crept, this tired bee,
And soon fell fast asleep.

And Sunflower was too tall.

Squash was tired and sleepy, too, And her curtains began to fold, And he never got out of his golden bed, That Bumble-bee so bold Ringgold Co., Iowa. May Wilkerson.

MAGAZINE APPRECIATED.

Mr. Park: Kind Sir:—I have been a silent reader and admirer of your dear little Magazine for several years, and I cannot see why every flower-lover does not subscribe for it, it is so useful. I am always eager for it every month, and read everything in it.

Mrs. Lena Still.

Mt. Enterprise, Tenn.

Mr. Park: — It seems your Magazine is getting better instead of worse, as is a much higher-priced Floral Magazine that I take. May the good work go on.

People Co. Ind. Mrs. Cella Reagan.

QUESTIONS.

Baby Rambler.—What can be done for a Baby Rambler Rose, three years old, that grows luxuriantly in the garden, but has never bloomed?—Mrs. R. F. S., Neb.

Rosebuds Blasting.—I have a white everblooming Rose which is always full of buds, but when they are large enough to open they turn brown and dry up. How should I treat it?—Mildred McCamb., Kan.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl of 13 years, and live on a farm. I have a nice lot of yard flowers, such as Sweet Williams, Violets, Poppies, Phlox, Pinks and Carnations. I will exchange post cards with children of my age.

Ella Morris. children of my age. Ella I Whiteville, N. C., April 12, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:-Here is a true story I have written for the Children's Corner. I am 10 years old. I may write again if you

wish:

One day my mother wanted some eggs for a cake, as it was my brother's birthday. It was some distance to go for the eggs, and the snow was quite deep, so I went out and hitched up my dog, which is a large black, white and tan Collie, named Scot. He did not go very fast, and when we got quite away from home, he started off for home. I waited for him and he soon came back. When we returned with the eggs he ran all of the way. I would think we were going to run against a stone, but he would always turn out just in time. Once I thought I should fall off for sure, but he turned out just in time, as usual. I broke two eggs.

Mildred Grey Hucker.

Elma Center, N. Y., April 8, 1909.

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Florence E. Brown.

[Ans.—The Editor goes to Massachusetts occasionally. Should he find it convenient to visit the farm near Deerfield river, he would find much pleasure in studying the flowers of that section under the guidance of one so well informed as is his little friend.—Ed.]

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Margaret Richie Pake. Manatee Co., Fla., April 9, 1909.

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A tryst with the wheels of the water mills.
Then she deepens, sometimes her ripples cool
In the boyhood's delight, the swimming pool.

And when in the autumn the Frost King's clime Is wafted o'er woodlands fair, In place of the verdure of summer time, A different picture she mirrors there— In brightest of colors, her woodland band, Like warriors of old around her stand.

It was far in the time of the long ago,
Where the vale of Toad Hollow lies,
An old Witch dwelt near the waters' flow,
Where the pewee calls and the kingfisher flies,
And many the tales the countryfolk tell,
Of the wily witch and her magic spell.

How, oft when the farmers essayed to go
To market or town or mill, The oxen would walk in the roadway slow Or adown the slope would stop stock still, And they failed to move for many an hour, Till they begged of the witch to release her power.

And once in the time of the long ago, From her red-painted cottage lone, Came a maid from the hills her fortune to know, For to learn of the wise old crone.

She knocked and waited, then knocked once more
At the bolted and barred old witch's door.

It opened. And over her senses there flew The subtle charm of the mystic spell. She smelt the odor of spikenard and rue, And many an herb she could not tell;

In a croaking voice she heard her say:
"Why, hast thou, child, a grief today?"

And then, as in dreams, the maiden cried:
O tell me good mother, pray!
I have waited for Love to come to my side
Full many and many a day."
"Haste away", said the witch, "away from this flee,
Thy lover is coming, is looking for thee."

She hastened away from the witch's door, To her cot that the Lilacs gird, But she met a form she knew once more,
And list what the Hollyhocks heard:
"No more in the wide world my footsteps shall

For now I am coming to take you home."

"I heard through the forest's fettered track, The sound of the cannon go, And I hasted to drive the red-coats, From our shores at Buffalo. And now am I come to claim your hand, And dwell at peace in this virgin land."

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 9, 1908. Ulysses R. Perrine.

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mer were just splendid; every one was double and large. I had some of the richest shades of Pansies I ever and so velvety and large. I consider that my success with plants is due to good soil, wellrotted manure and good seeds. have not any special facilities

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Delaware Co., Ind., Mar. 22, 1909.

Mr. Park:—I have received my fourth Magazine, and must say I admire it so much I cannot refrain from saying so any longer. The editorials are so nice, I do to read or hear cf anything concerning flowers, of which I have quite a variety.

Mrs. S. S. Walker.

Fairburn, Ga., April 1, 1909.

Mr. Park:—I have taken your Magazine for years, and could not do without it.

Mrs. Nora L. Kaler.

Glenwood, Ind., April 3, 1909.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Geraniums.-My Geraniums are in a south window, in a room heated by a coal-fire, and they do not do at all well. I



think the soil not be , but do know just may right, not know what would be best for them. How shall I treat them?

Eva P.Lyon. WindsorCo.,Vt. Jan. 1, 1909.

Ans. - Geraniums thrive in a compost of halfdecayed sods, cow manure well-decayed, and sand, equal parts, well in corporated. Give good drain-

A south window is an ideal exposure. See that the atmosphere is not too dry. Keep open pan of water upon the stove, or over the register to supply moisture by evaporation, and sprinkle the foliage in the early morning. Avoid full sunshine against the sides of the pots. This will dry out the soil and injure the roots. It can will try out the soft and injure the tools. It can be overcome by placing the pots in a tray, with sand or sphagnum moss around. Avoid extremes of heat and cold. An even temperature of 55° to 75° should be maintained. An occasional watering with a weak liquid fertilizer may prove beneficial. This treatment ought to result in healthy blooming plants. blooming plants.-Ed.

Pineapple.— How should the Pineapple be cared for? I have a plant a year old that does not grow, and the central Miss A. E. Guillet. leaves seem to fade.

Southbridge, Mass.

Ans.—The Pineapple is a tropical plant, and even in southwestern Florida, where frost rarely comes, it has to be protected from wind and cold comes, it has to be protected from which and color by a close board fence, and from the hot sun by slats placed a few inches apart. This crude house is called a pinery, and the plants stand a foot or more apart, with walks here and there so the cultivator can have easy access to them. The soil is a very sandy, black loam, freely enriched, and kept well moistened. At the north Pineapples are grown in what are called pits; these are artificially heated, and the temperature kept not artificially heated, and the temperature kept not only warm but moist. Such conditions can hardly be secured in the ordinary window garden. If any reader has been successful in growing this fruit in the window at the north, will they kindly report?-Ed.

GOSSIP.

Dear Sisters:—I dearly love flowers, for they make home beautiful when all outside is wrapped in snow. It is so nice to have a few flowers then to remind us of the beauty of summer, and of God's handiwork shown in the many-colored flowers. My children all love flowers, and are en-couraged by giving them a bed of their Mrs. E. Duncan.

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GOSSIP.

Dear Flower Folks:—My house plants did well the past winter. I had flowers in bloom all winter. My Christmas Cactus budded in November, and was beautiful. I have several kinds of Cactus. I have raised Dahlias from seeds, and had some fine ones. My Calendulas were fine last fall, and I had one that was pure white. They bloomed till the ground froze.

Mrs. Ida M. Wood.

Hebron, Md., Mar. 15, 1909.

QUESTION.

Flowering Caladium. - Is there any merit in the so-called Flowering Caladium? I have had one for two years, but it does not bloom.—Mrs.C.R., BooneCo.Ind.

Chrystallizing Flowers. — Will someone give directions for crystallizing flowers? I want full particulars.—L.H.W. New Jersey.

Hyacinths not Blooming. - My Hyacinths, purchased and planted last fall, nearly all failed to bloom, and those that did bloom only bore two or three flowers. Why was it? Will someone in South Carolina reply?-Mrs. B., South Carolina.

Blush Rose.-I have a hardy Blush Rose that is full of buds every year, but blast. Only one bud opened last year. Who can tell me of a remedy?—Mrs. Sallie Page, Texmo, Okla.

Cactus.—Will someone please tell me how to treat a German Empress Cactus?-. Mrs. Boyd, Texas.

Poisonous Fruit.—Is there any kind of fruit tree that bears poisonous fruit if not grafted?—Mrs. E. G. M., N. Y.

Cyclamen.—I have a Cyclamen plant three years old that has never bloomed. What ails it? How shall I treat it to have it bloom?-Mrs. Hannah Lanver, Kans.

Begonia.— I got an orange-colored Tuberous Begonia last season which grew well and had handsome foliage, but did not bloom, and finally died. What was not bloom, and finally died. the trouble?—M. E. R., Ill.

A Bouquet.—Mr. Park: —I gave a bouquet of Schizanthus and Sweet Fern to the Public Library. The combination was much admired. Seneca Co., O., Feb. 15, 1909.

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Ont., Canada. Aug. 12, 1908.

Mr. Park:—The bulbs you sent me in December, and which I potted one week before Christmas are doing nicely. I let them get frozen after they were up, but they don't seem to be hurt. I am much pleased with them, also some sample packets of annual seeds you sent me last spring. The Asters were the loveliest I had, though I had different kinds from a higher priced seed house.

Mrs. D. R. Mrs. D. R. seed house.

Grayson Co., Va., Jan. 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have been a reader of your Magazine for quite a number of years, would not like to do without it. I always find something that is helpful and interesting. I have recommended it to many of my friends. When they come to me wanting to know what to do with a sickly plant, or why such a one does not bloom, I tell them to go to Park's Magazine and they will know all about it.

Mrs. B. S. R.

Armstrong Co., Pa., Jan. 16, 1909.

Mr. Editor:—The recent article by Lydia W. Baldwin was extremely interesting to me. I would love to see her garden, for I am very fond of Roses, old-fashioned flowers and wild flowers. The north side of the house is given over to native wild flowers which I gathered from their native haunts. To those who are fond of garden lore I can recommend "The Garden of a Commuter's Wife", and "The Garden, You and I". I have found these books very interesting. Mrs. Cella Reagan. Boone Co., Ind., Oct. 17, 1908.

Dear Mr. Park: - Last spring I got a package of mixed flower seeds, and we did enjoy them so much! When they began coming up we had to make several trips to the garden every day, to satisfy my little boy as to the new kinds. A great many of them were new to me, and we took up some that did not bloom and brought them in the house; I hope they will prove something good. I wonder if your readers know that Geraniums will live if just wrapped in paper. When taking mine up one fall I just shook off the dirt and tied them up in paper sacks, and put them in a box inside the washstand in the kitchen. What was my surprise to find not only new leaves, but flowers on them, when I took them out in the spring. Of course the blossoms were weak and wilted when I potted the plants, but they showed how successful the plan was.

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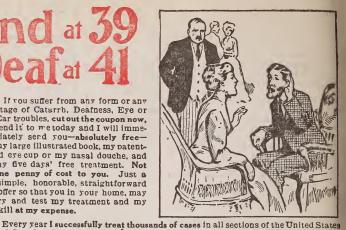
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